AFFOGATO
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EXPLICIT
18+
CONTENT

I WANT TO KNOW YOU.

RUI HATES HIS RETAIL JOB AND HAS BEEN FINDING SOLACE FROM HIS LOCAL BARISTA, KOUTA, ON THE COMMUTE HOME. ONE CHARMING GESTURE FROM HIM SPARKS A DEEPER INTEREST—NOW RUI'S WEEKLY VISITS HAVE QUICKLY BECOME DAILY, AND HIS DESIRE TO BECOME CLOSER IS GROWING EVEN QUICKER.

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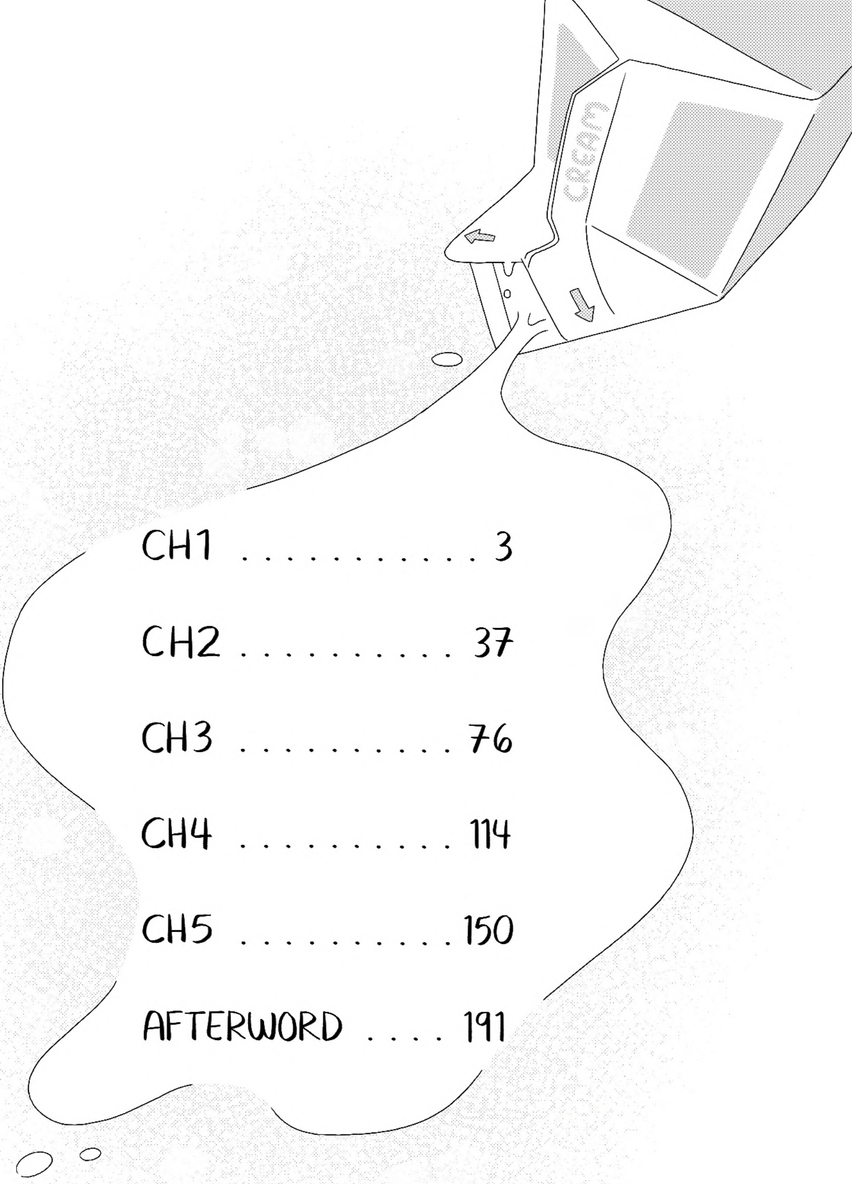

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I HAVE 6 HOURS LEFT...
I ORDERED THIS TWO MONTHS AGO,
WHY HAVEN'T I RECEIVED IT?!
MISS, THAT PRODUCT ISN'T AVAILABLE FOR ANOTHER MONTH.
IT'S A PRE-ORDER.
WHAT'S THE POINT OF THAT?!
TO RESERVE IT...
I JUST GOT HERE.
WELL, WHY ARE YOU TAKING SO LONG WITH IT?!
I DON'T HAVE CONTROL OVER THAT, MISS...
SIR?
SIR, OVER HERE!
FOR ALL I SPEND HERE, I SHOULD BE GETTING DISCOUNTS.
RUI!
I'M GONNA LOSE IT.
WHEN ARE YOU CUTTING THAT HAIR?!
CRACK
IT'S UNPROFESSIONAL.
SERIOUSLY...
HAAAH
CLOCK OUT

I SHOULD QUIT ALREADY.
I COULD CRUSH MY HAND IN THE REGISTER FOR WORKER'S COMP...
BUT I NEED MONEY.
SCROLL
SCROLL
SCROLL
SCROLL
merpari
3,300,000
2,270,000
STUPID ASS LUXURY BAGS ...
OR MAYBE STEAL THE STORE'S STOCK TO RESELL.
SCROLL
NOW ARRIVING
... I SHOULD CALM DOWN.
NOW ARRIVING
SIGH

UUUUGGHH.
I NEED FOOD.
SLUMP
...
ACTUALLY, I'LL GET A COFFEE ON THE WAY HOME.
CAFÉ
Orange
OPEN
I WONDER IF HE'S WORKING TODAY.

DING
!
MENU
WELCOME-
OH, IT'S RUI.
HI!
HEY ...
TURN
UM ...
YOU LOOK ...
BAD.
KOUTA .....
I'M GONNA COMMIT A CRIME, SERIOUSLY ......
DOOM
UHH ... DON'T.
NOT HERE, AT LEAST.

NO ONE UNDERSTANDS
THESE STUPID PRE-ORDERS WE'RE DOING
AND EVERYONE WANTS ME TO GIVE THEM DISCOUNTS,
BUT THEY'RE LITERALLY RICH??
AND MY BOSS WON'T SHUT UP ABOUT MY HAIR,
PULL
WHY DID HE EVEN HIRE ME IF IT'S A PROBLEM?!?!
WOAH, UM,
PAUSE.
RUI, UH...
DO YOU LIKE ICE CREAM ...?
SHAKE
SHAKE
SOB...
...
YES...
THAT'S THE SADDEST "YES" I'VE EVER SEEN.
OK, REALLY QUICK,
RUN TO THE CONVENIENCE STORE ACROSS THE STREET,
AND GRAB SOME VANILLA.
TURN
?

I'LL MAKE YOU A TREAT.
SOFT VANILLA CREAM
I'M GLAD I CAUGHT HIM TODAY.
KOUTA ALWAYS LISTENS TO MY VENTING,
EVEN THOUGH I'M JUST A REGULAR.
I ONLY STARTED COMING HERE BECAUSE IT WAS A NEW CAFE NEAR MY APARTMENT,
BUT THE COFFEE IS GOOD, KOUTA JOKES AROUND WITH ME,
WONDER WHAT HE'LL MAKE.
AND HE TAKES HIS BREAKS WITH ME WHEN HE CAN.
I DON'T KNOW IF IT'S GOOD OR BAD,
BUT I SORT OF STARTED RELYING ON HIM TO CALM DOWN AFTER WORK.
SHF
THANK YOU
SHF
SOME-THING ABOUT HIM IS REALLY COMFORT-ING.
... HUH.

I'M BACK~
CLOSED
DING
OH, GOOD.
LEAVE THE ICE CREAM, I'LL TAKE MY BREAK WITH YOU IN A MINUTE.
THANK YOU SHF
OKAY~
SCOOT
LOOKS...
HM HM~
COME TO THINK OF IT,
I ALWAYS END UP HERE.

MY CO-WORKERS GET IT,
SO I COULD JUST TALK TO THEM. I USED TO, ANY-WAY.
I DON'T REALLY WANT TO, THOUGH.
YOU CALMING DOWN A BIT?
KOUTA IS MORE RELAXING.
...YEAH.
I WONDER IF HE FEELS SIMILAR AT ALL...?

WOW!
WHAT IS IT?
CLINK
AN AFFOGATO!
YOU'VE NEVER HAD ONE?
LOOKS GOOD.
NO ...
THEY'RE REALLY GOOD.
OOOH.
SIT
SIP
?
STARE...
...
STAAA—RE
SIIIIP
YOU'RE REALLY OUT OF IT.
I'M RELAXING .....
NO, REALISTICALLY, I JUST BITCH AND MOAN TO THIS GUY .....
ARE YOU??

I DON'T THINK YOU'VE EVER COME IN SO UPSET.
I'M HAPPY TO CHAT WITH YOU,
BUT YOU SHOULD REALLY GO HOME AND REST . . .
YOU WORRY ME SOME-TIMES.
YES, SIR~
OH, UM,
BUT SINCE YOU'RE HERE,
FRET
TALK TO ME FOR THE NEXT 15 MINUTES.
WAVE
WAVE
?
I DON'T, UM,
I DIDN'T MEAN I DON'T WANT TO LISTEN.
. . .
HAHA,
OK, I WILL.
CUTE . . .

KOUTA HAS ALWAYS BEEN CUTE,
BUT ISN'T IT KIND OF EXCESSIVE TODAY?
... NO, HE'S EXACTLY THE SAME.
I DON'T FEEL LIKE TALKING ABOUT WORK.
I KIND OF ...
WANT TO LEARN MORE ABOUT HIM.

HEY, THIS IS REALLY GOOD!
IT'S MORE LIKE A DESSERT, HUH?
DO YOU MAKE THIS OFTEN?
AH, UM,
NO, I DON'T, USUALLY . . .
AND IT WOULD BE BETTER WITH PROPER ICE CREAM . . .
IT'S JUST ESPRESSO AND ICE CREAM, REALLY...
HUUUH, SO YOU MADE IT SPECIAL FOR ME~?
AHAHA . . .
GRIN
THIS ISN'T EVEN ON THE MENU, HUUUH~
WELL, YOU LOOKED LIKE YOU REALLY NEEDED A PICK-ME-UP TODAY,
FIDGET
FIDGET
AND, UM . . .
I'M HAPPY TO MAKE IT FOR YOU AGAIN...
I CAN . . .
KEEP GOOD ICE CREAM IN THE FRIDGE HERE FOR YOU . . .
WAIT . . .
IF . . .

... IF YOU WANT.
BLUSH
HE IS CUTER THAN USUAL.
HIDE
OOH,
I'M SO SPOILED.
I WANT TO SEE MORE ...

I STAYED LONGER THAN USUAL . . .
HE MADE ME AN EXTRA TO GO.
ALREADY SPOILING ME~
RUI
HE DREW A BEAR.
I HOPE SOMETHING HAPPENS AT WORK TOMORROW~
SO I CAN TALK TO HIM ABOUT IT~
TP
TP
TP

KOUTA'S CAFE IS ALREADY CLOSED.
I GOT OUT TOO LATE . . .
8:47 PM
APRIL 5
TOMO NEW MESSAGE
TOMO NEW MESSAGE
SANA NEW MESSAGE
I WANT A COFFEE, THOUGH . . . .
THIS SUCKS . . .
NO KOUTA . . .
OH, WELL.
I'LL JUST STOP AT THIS ONE REAL QUICK—
HOLY SHIT HE'S RIGHT THERE
SLAM
DESTINY(???)
??
NO WAY
DROP

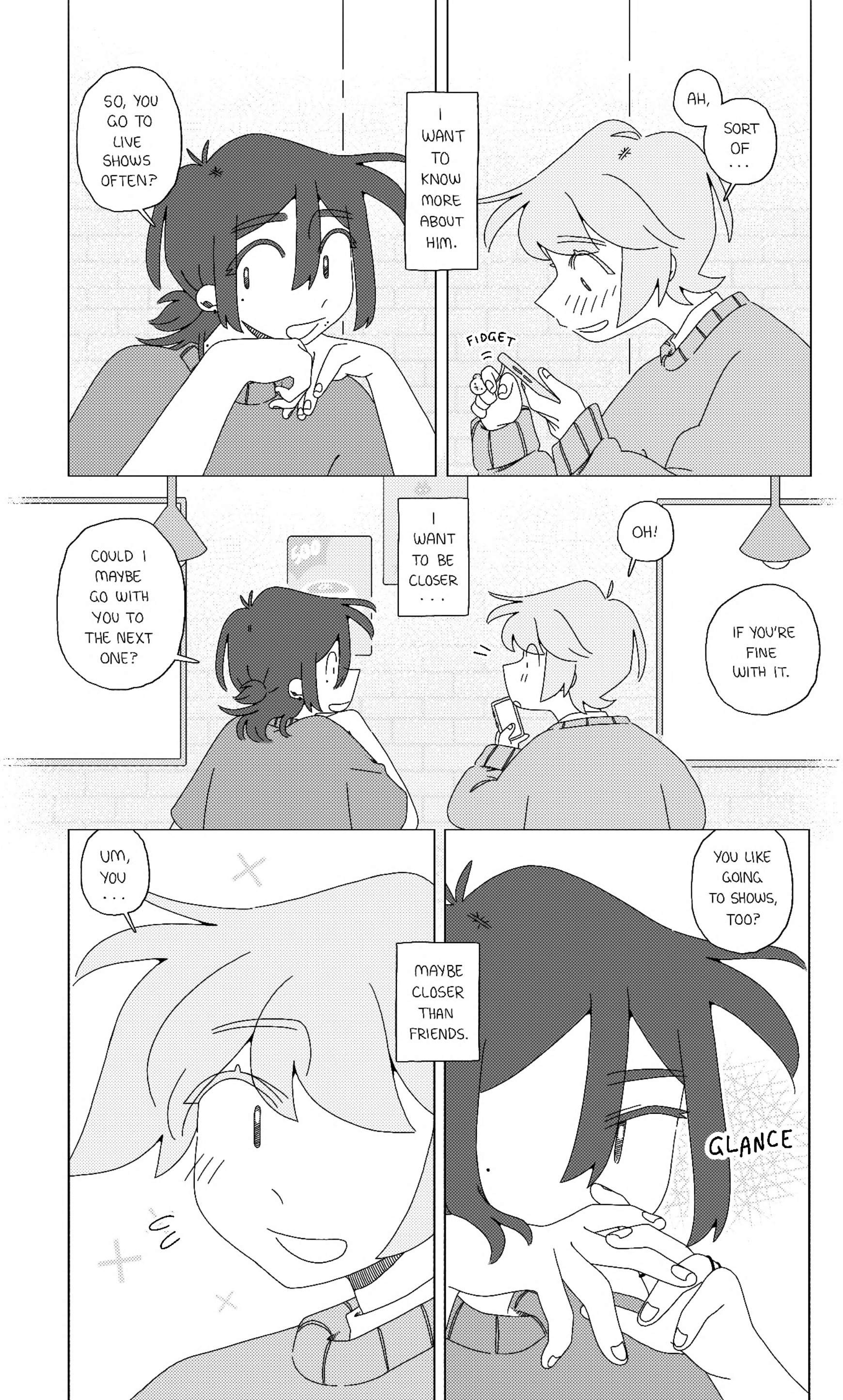
TAP
KOUTA!
I'M SO SORRY. I'LL LEAVE.
GLARE
TURN
KOUTA(???)
INTERRUPTED
RUI?!
I THOUGHT YOU WERE A STRANGER . . .
I'M SORRY.
EARBUD . . .
???
YOU GLARE AT STRANGERS LIKE THAT ???
DO YOU HATE PEOPLE?
N-NO . . .
I JUST, UM,
I'M ON MY WAY TO SEE THIS BAND TONIGHT,
IT WAS IN THE MIDDLE OF MY SONG . . .
SWEAT
SWEAT
EMBARR-ASSING!!
GOD!!!
WHY DID IT HAVE TO BE HIM ?!?!
OOH, SORRY TO INTERR-UPT.
CAN I SIT?
HE LIKES MUSIC.
I'M GLAD I DRESSED PLAIN TODAY.
O-OF COURSE.

WHAT'S GOOD HERE? I'M JUST OFF WORK.
I GOT A MATCHA LATTE.
HERE, HAVE MY CROISSANT.
YOU SURE?
YEAH, IT WAS A MISTAKE.
THEY GAVE ME AN EXTRA.
SIT
PASS
YOU'RE OFF LATE, HUH?
IT'S FUNNY,
EVEN THOUGH THE CAFE'S CLOSED,
YOU STILL FOUND ME TO TALK TO.
AT ANOTHER CAFE, HAHA
MHM.
I'VE NEVER SEEN HIM OUTSIDE WORK.
HEY, CAN I HEAR WHAT YOU WERE LISTENING TO?
IT FEELS COZIER THAN USUAL.
HUH?
POKE

OH, SURE!
I'LL PLAY MY FAVORITES . . .
TAKE THE EARBUD...
HE GOT EXCITED.
HE HAS A PHONE CHARM.
HIS CLOTHES ARE HUGE.
IT MAKES HIM LOOK SMALL.
HE'S CUTE . . .
A MOCK NECK LOOKS GOOD ON HIM . . .
I THINK HE HAD A BEAR HAIRCLIP, TOO.
I WONDER WHAT ELSE HE WEARS . . .
THIS IS NICE.
RIGHT? THEY HAVE A CALM SOUND,
IT REALLY RELAXES YOU.
HE RELAXES ME.
SLUMP

LOOKS
TURN
PFT.
KOUTA IS A BIT SHY, HUH ...
SEEMS TO LIKE CUTE THINGS ...
...

AAH,
I CAN'T LOOK AT HIM . . .
BLUSH...
I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO SAY WITHOUT HAVING WORK TO TALK ABOUT . . .
I WONDER IF HE'D WANT TO HANG OUT OUTSIDE OF WORK . . .



SO, YOU GO TO LIVE SHOWS OFTEN?
I WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT HIM.
AH,
SORT OF . . .
FIDGET
COULD I MAYBE GO WITH YOU TO THE NEXT ONE?
I WANT TO BE CLOSER . . .
OH!
IF YOU'RE FINE WITH IT.
UM, YOU . . .
MAYBE CLOSER THAN FRIENDS.
YOU LIKE GOING TO SHOWS, TOO?
GLANCE

I COULD.
FLUSH

O-OK . . .
I'LL LET YOU KNOW MY NEXT ONE.
REALLY?!
LET'S EXCHANGE CONTACT!
POOF
I LIKE HIM . . .

I GOT HIS PHONE NUMBER . . .
HEHE
HEHE
KICK
KICK
NOT LISTENING
HIS LINE PROFILE IS EBICHU . . .
???

CH1 END

ONE MONTH PRIOR

BIASED

KOUTA!
I HEARD YOU KEEP ICE CREAM FOR AFFOGATOS NOW?
I DO!
AMY
KOUTA'S COWORKER
HERE YOU GO.
MESSILY
POURED...
YUMMY!
KOUTA,
CAN I HAVE THE ICE CREAM TODAY . . .
OF COURSE!
WAAH...
HERE YOU GO.
IT'S CALLED AN AFFOGATO.
CAREFULLY
SHAPED
YAAAY!!!
WHAT'S WITH THE SPECIAL TREATMENT . . . . .
HUH?
"HUH" . . . . .
WHERE'S MY FANCY CUP . . . . .
WIPE
WIPE

KOUTA'S SHIFT

IS IT TOO OBVIOUS IF I MAKE A HEART . . .
. . .
THIS IS STUPID.
EMBARRASSING . . .
HEHE,
KOUTA SPOILS ME!
SO CUTE?!
KOUTA, YOU'RE SO GOOD!!
HAHA,
I'M PRACTICING.
IT LOOKS LIKE HIM.
SO, TODAY AT WORK?
OH, NOT TODAY.
I JUST HOPED YOU'D BE HERE.
WHAT, FOR YOUR FREE DRINK?
OR THE THERAPY?
HEHE~
I WONDER~
I JUST WANTED TO SEE YOU.

TEXTING

EVER SINCE WE EXCHANGED CONTACT,
RUI TEXTS ME A LOT.
HE BUYS A LOT OF CLOTHES . . .
PING
HE LIKES FASHION?
OH, HE SENT A PICTURE.
HE DOES WORK IN IT . . .
I THINK HE HATES IT, THOUGH.
READ
which color ??? my friends no help
READ
i think the bluish grey one
SENT
i dont know much abo
TP
TP
PING
READ
PING
this reminds me of u !!!
READ
i dont know much
READ
this reminds me of u !!!
READ
PING
cause its cute
READ
PING
READ
i dont know muc
'CAUSE IT'S...
. . . . .
CUTE...
UUUGGGHHHH
CUTE!
CUTE!
TOSS
TURN
SPLAT

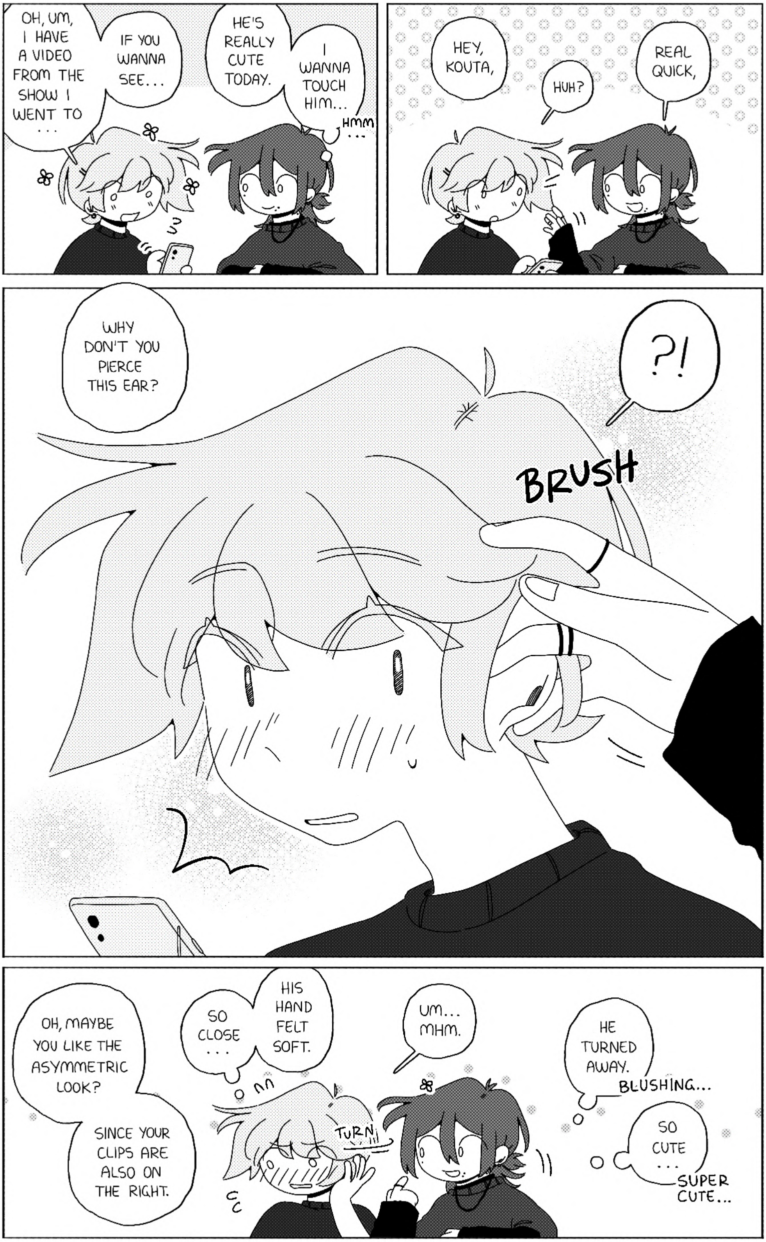
TIGHT FIT

WAITING FOR KOUTA . . .
SCROLL
SCROLL
RUI.
HE'S COMING.
OH, HE FORGOT TO TAKE HIS APRON OFF.
I PUT AN EXTRA SHOT IN FOR YOU.
IT'S HUGGING HIS WAIST . . .
EXTRA
TIGHT
. . . . .
EVERY-THING OK?
RUI?
HE'S LOOKING.
YEAH, THANKS . . .
UM, WHAT DID YOU JUST SAY?
PUSH

WORTHY COST

DING
OH, IT'S AMY TODAY!
HEY RUI!
YOU'RE COMING MORE THAN USUAL LATELY, HUH?
HEHE.
YEAH.
ACTUALLY,
AMY,
CAN YOU TELL ME KOUTA'S SCHEDULE .....
PLEASE!!
PERHAPS!!
OHO!!
IT WILL COST YOU ...
EACH WEEK IS ONE PACK OF CIGARETTES
...
GRIN
DEAL
WHY DO YOU WANT IT, ANYWAY?
INVITING HIM OUT?
YOU COULD JUST ASK HIM YOUR-SELF.
I WANT TO HAVE SEX WITH HIM
BLUNT
I KNEW IT
ALSO DATE HIM ...
JOLT
ALSO?? NOT FIRST???
I SAID IT IN THE WRONG ORDER

PIERCING


OH, UM, I HAVE A VIDEO FROM THE SHOW I WENT TO . . .
IF YOU WANNA SEE...
HE'S REALLY CUTE TODAY.
I WANNA TOUCH HIM...
HMM ...
HEY, KOUTA,
HUH?
REAL QUICK,
WHY DON'T YOU PIERCE THIS EAR?
?!
BRUSH
OH, MAYBE YOU LIKE THE ASYMMETRIC LOOK?
SINCE YOUR CLIPS ARE ALSO ON THE RIGHT.
SO CLOSE . . .
HIS HAND FELT SOFT.
UM... MHM.
TURN
HE TURNED AWAY.
BLUSHING...
SO CUTE . . .
SUPER CUTE...

RUI'S BREAK

HAHA
WOAH, YOU LOOK TERRIBLE.
LIKE ALWAYS.
I WANNA CLOCK OUUUUT . . . . .
WHY DON'T YOU QUIT?
TOMOAKI
RUI'S COWORKER
SIT
WELL, THE SALES COMMISSION IS PRETTY GOOD HERE.
MMM. YOU DO MAKE GOOD SALES.
WHY'D YOU EVEN START WORKING HERE?
I DUNNO . . . I LIKE FASHION, SO I JUST FIGURED.
BUT YOU DON'T EVEN LIKE LUXURY BRANDS.
I DON'T KNOOOWW
AT THIS POINT,
I'M JUST WORKING HERE SO I HAVE A REASON TO TALK TO THAT BARISTA.
HAHA
THAT'S ENOUGH REASON, I THINK.
YOU GONNA ASK HIM OUT?
SIIIIGH
MAYBE . . . I STILL DON'T KNOW HIM VERY WELL.
I WANT TO, THOUGH.
I THINK YOU'RE SUPER HORNY FOR THIS GUY.
HAHAHAHA
THAT'S...
RIGHT...
MAYBE . . .
VRR
OH, YOU EXCHANGED NUMBERS.
2:24
APRIL 21
KOUTA
latte art i did today
YOU TOTALLY WANT IT.
I'M GONNA CHOKE YOU
WANTS IT SO BAD
DON'T LOOK AT HIS MESSAGE
HAHAHAHAHA

FIRST CALL

?
MAYBE TOMO.
RI~NG RI~NG
IT'S KOUTA.
A CALL?
KOUTA
CALLING
SEEMS UNUSUAL FOR HIM.
HEY, KOUTA, WHAT'S UP?
HI, RUI, UM . . .
NERVOUS
I DIDN'T EXPECT TO GET A CALL FROM YOU.
OH, MY HANDS ARE FULL RIGHT NOW . . .
SO...
ANYWAY, UM, I GOT TICKETS FOR ANOTHER SHOW.
IT'S ON THE 29TH.
OOH, ALRIGHT, I'LL PUT IT IN MY CALENDAR.
A WEEK FROM NOW...
WHAT'S THE BAND? I'LL LISTEN TO SOME TONIGHT.
AH, IT'S . . .
THIS FEELS LIKE . . .
WE'RE PLANNING A DATE.

OH, HOW MUCH DO I OWE YOU FOR THE TICKET?
AH, DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT! IT'S FINE.
EXCITED
YOU SURE? THANKS.
WE'LL MEET AT THE VENUE?
SOUNDS GOOD.
OKAAAY~
...
THMP
GRIP...
THMP
WAITING...
...
THMP
... I'LL SEE YOU AT THE CAFE.
... SEE YOU.
THMP
I WANTED TO TALK SOME MORE.
THMP
THMP
THMP
THMP

CHAPTER 2
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LIVE
THAT WAS REALLY GOOD,
YOU HAVE REALLY GOOD MUSIC TASTE!!
HAHA I'M GLAD YOU LIKED IT!
CHATTER
CHATTER
THANKS FOR BRINGING ME ALONG!
OF COURSE!
I'LL LISTEN TO MORE AT HOME.
HEY, ARE YOU HUNGRY?
I'M STARVING.
I COULD EAT, YEAH.

OOOH!
IZAKAYA,
IZAKAYA!!
YEAH??
OK, SOUNDS GOOD!
MORE TIME ...
I'M GONNA EAT SO MUCH GRILLED CORN.
YOU SEEM LIKE THE TYPE TO EAT MOSTLY MEAT.
CORN??
THAT, TOO.
I'M JUST GONNA EAT A TON.
HAHAHA
WHAT THE HELL
HUGE QUANTITY

ALL YOU SAID WAS "I COULD EAT",
BUT YOU'RE EATING MORE THAN ME?!
YOU ALREADY CLEARED 3 PLATES!!
MFF-
MFM
YOU GOT ME SWEPT UP IN IT!!
ME?!
NO, I THINK YOU JUST REALLY LIKE TO EAT??
HAHA!!
TRUE!!
BY THE WAY,
DO YOU USUALLY GO TO SHOWS ALONE?
SOME-TIMES I DO.
NEW

USUALLY,
AMY LIKES TO COME WITH ME.
AMY!
OOH!
YOU GUYS LISTEN TO SIMILAR STUFF?
SORT OF.
WE'VE BEEN FRIENDS FOR 3 YEARS,
SO WE'RE REALLY CLOSE.
SO . . .
YOU DON'T GO WITH ANYONE ELSE?
SHE APPLIED TO THE CAFE 'CAUSE I DID.
HUUUH.

?
LIKE . . .
. . . A PARTNER?
JOLT
AHAHA!
NO, I,
FLAP
FLAP
I DON'T HAVE A . . .
?
. . . . . BOYFRIEND.

Boyfriend..??
!!
I...
...
GAY
I THOUGHT THAT PART WAS PRETTY OBVIOUS, TO BE HONEST
PBBTHBA
HAHAHAHAHAAHA
SLAM
SLAM
DON'T AGREE ???
NO, IT IS
HAH
IT'S OK,
HAHA
I'M PROBABLY EVEN MORE OBVIOUS-
HAH
HUH?!
HAHAHAH
HAHA
WELL, THANKS AGAIN FOR TAKING ME,
I HAD A GREAT TIME.
HAAH
cute...

HAD A GREAT TIME...
HE'S FUNNY.
OM
HE'S ACTUALLY REALLY EASY TO TALK TO . . .
WHERE DO YOU LIKE TO GO OUT, RUI?
FIDGET
YOUR CAFE!
OK...
I KNOW THAT...
HAHA!!
MM, I LIKE TO GO TO SECOND-HAND SHOPS.
I BUY A LOT OF CLOTHES, I GUESS.
THAT MAKES SENSE!
YOU LOOK REALLY FASHIONABLE ON YOUR DAYS OFF.
AH–
OOOH,
HEHE
REALLY~?
HAHA
I CAN'T. HE'S CUTE. HE'S STUPID CUTE

I'M HAPPY YOU WERE LOOKING AT ME.
...
HEY, WHERE'S YOUR CUTE HAIRCLIP TODAY?
HUH?
THE OTHER WEEK, WHEN I RAN INTO YOU,
I THINK YOU HAD A BEAR HAIRCLIP?
A WHITE ONE.
LIKE THIS.
TODAY'S XI PLAIN...
O-OH, UM, I JUST ...
HE SAW IT.
WANTED TO WEAR A NORMAL ONE TODAY.
I DON'T, UM...
WAVE
I DON'T USUALLY WEAR THOSE ONES.
...

YOU SHOULD WEAR THEM MORE.
IT SUITED YOU.
OH, I-I DON'T KNOW . . . HAHA
WELL, I KNOW~
'CAUSE YOU SAID I'M FASHIONABLE, RIGHT?
. . .
YOU HAVE A LOT OF CONFIDENCE, HUH?
I DID SAY THAT.
HAHA!
YOU'RE FUN TO TALK TO.
TURN
TURN
YOU KNOW,
I WAS THINKING THIS LATELY,

BUT YOU'RE REALLY GOOD AT CALMING ME DOWN AFTER WORK.
OH, WELL,
I DON'T REALLY DO ANYTHING SPECIAL.
I JUST LISTEN...
WAVE WAVE
NO, LIKE, THERE'S SOMETHING ABOUT YOU.
I ALWAYS WANT TO COME SEE YOU.
HAHA...
I THINK YOU JUST LIKE THE TALK THERAPY.
TALK THERAPY, HUH...
PROBABLY.
CLENCH
HMMM....
MAYBE I'M TOO OBVIOUS.
NEW

NO, I THINK I JUST LIKE YOU.
...
DOES HE ACTUALLY ...
TUG...

SINCE YOU GOT MY TICKET, I'LL GET DINNER.
OK . . . THANK YOU.
. . . THINK OF ME THAT WAY?

I'M WAY TOO FULL.
WHY DID WE ORDER SO MUCH?
STREEETCH
YOU STARTED IT.
YOU'RE RIGHT.
I APOLOGIZE.
STOP ME NEXT TIME.
HAHA!
AH,
IT'S GETTING LATE.
11:27
APRIL 29
I'LL WALK YOU TO THE STATION.
OH ...
YEAH.
THANKS.

?
HE GOT QUIET.
...
WHAT, YOU DON'T WANNA SAY BYE?
WE STILL HAVE THE WALK THERE~
GO AWAAAY
HAHA
I'LL BE AT THE CAFE TO VISIT,
LIKE ALWAYS.
IS HE SULKING?
MM.
... I KNOW.
... AND I'LL TEXT YOU.
TURN
GRIP...
HE SEEMS OFF.

KOUTA,
DON'T LOOK SO SAD,
PAT
YOU'RE MAKING ME WANT TO HOLD YOU.
???
GRIP
... LIKE,
!!
SQUEEEZE.
SQUEEZE?
UM. YEAH.
WHY AM I STUPID
DOES HE MEAN THAT?
O-OH.
UM, RUI ...
I DON'T KNOW IF YOU'RE USUALLY BUSY ...
OR, UM, WHAT YOUR SCHEDULE'S LIKE ...
JUST ... ASK.
EITHER WAY, DO...
DO YOU WANT TO GO TO ANOTHER SHOW TOGETHER SOME-TIME...?

YOU CAN . . .
TELL ME WHAT MUSIC YOU LIKE,
I'LL LOOK FOR MORE SHOWS, SO—
YES!!
. . . YES, I WANT TO GO.
I REALLY WANT TO GO.
OH.
. . .
I THINK . . .
GOOD,
'CAUSE I REALLY WANT YOU TO COME.
HAHA
. . .
HE DOES WANT TO STAY TOGETHER.

I WANT TO GO TO THE NEXT ONE,
AND THE NEXT,
CLENCH
I WANT TO GO TO ALL OF THEM WITH YOU.
SEEING YOU AT THE CAFE ISN'T ENOUGH.
I WANT TO KNOW YOU SO MUCH MORE.

I KNOW . . .
WE DON'T REALLY KNOW EACHOTHER THAT MUCH,
AND WE ONLY JUST STARTED TALKING AS FRIENDS, BUT. . .
I DIDN'T ASK FOR YOUR CONTACT TO JUST BE FRIENDS.
HONESTLY, I WANT . . .
MORE THAN THAT.

...KOUTA,
PLEASE GO OUT WITH ME.
OPEN

YOU . . .
MORE . . .
THAN . . .
GRIT
FLUSH . . .
YOU ACTUALLY LIKE ME?

I DO.
PLEASE, KOUTA. I REALLY LIKE YOU. BUT I ONLY RECENTLY REALIZED, AND NOW YOU'RE ALL I THINK ABOUT, AND ACTUALLY, ABOUT HOLDING YOU EARLIER
STEAM
O-OKAY,
FLAP FLAP
OKAY!!
I'M JUST SURPRISED.
BECAUSE, UM...
RECENTLY,
I GOT MY HOPES UP THAT YOU MIGHT LIKE ME, TOO...
WAIT,
"TOO"?
BUT I DIDN'T WANT TO GET LET DOWN,
SO I ASSUMED YOU WERE JUST BEING FRIENDLY . . .
WAIT-
WAIT,
WAIT-

SO,
I WANT TO GO OUT WITH YOU,
YES.

YOU ALREADY . . .
LIKED . . .
NOD NOD
C-
CAN I HUG YOU?
. . .
YES, PLEA—
FWUMP
-SE?!
!!
!!
!
DROP

WAIT, IS THAT WHY?!
WHY WHAT ???
BECAUSE, LIKE,
EVERY DAY AFTER WORK, I JUST WANT TO GO SEE YOU.
AND IT'S LIKE, YOU'RE SUPER COMFORTABLE TO BE AROUND??
ALSO YOU'RE CUTE.
I DON'T KNOW.
AAAA
CUTE...??
POKE
POKE
I JUST KEPT GOING BACK TO YOU?!
I DIDN'T EVEN THINK ABOUT IT.
WERE YOU ACTUALLY FLIRTING WITH ME?
FLUSHED
I... I DON'T ...
KNOW IF I'D CALL IT ...
FLIRTING, UM...
WHAT THE HELL ...

HE'S INSANELY CUTE.
I LIKE YOU.
I WANT TO KNOW YOU.
...
HAAAH
SERIOUSLY, KOUTA.
SHFF
TUG...
HEHE.

YOU FEEL SO SNUG.
...
...
CAN I KISS YOU?
HUH?!
CLENCH
PLEASE?
THMP
SORRY.
THMP
I WANT TO FIND OUT.
FIND OUT WHAT?!
SORRY.
I GOT TOO EXCITED, SORRY.
THMP
MY BAD.
THMP
THMP
NO ...

I-IT'S NOT ...
IT'S ...
OK ...
?
SHF
...
KISS
!
embarrassed...
... IT'S OK.
WHAT ABOUT ...
ON THE LIPS?
IT'S OK.

HE FEELS COMFORTABLE.
HAAH.
I REALLY LIKE YOU.
SLUMP
??
H-HEY...
YOU FIT PERFECTLY.
FIT...?
PULL
STARE...
SNUG...
HE'S SNUG, TOO.
HE'S MY BOYFRIEND...
?
ANOTHER ONE...?

I MEAN, YOU FIT SO PERFECT IN MY ARMS!!!
WE'RE DATING!!
YOU'RE TOO CUTE!!!
CAN I HOLD YOUR HAND!!!
I BET IT FITS!!
HOP
HOP
HOP
CUTE . . .
HIS ENERGY CAME OUT.
YOU'RE KIND OF EMBARRASSING, YOU KNOW.
I KNOW, YOU'LL HAVE TO PUT UP WITH ME A LOT.
CH2 END

SEND OFF

OH,
IT'S MY TRAIN.
SQUEEZE SQUEEZE
TEXT ME WHEN YOU'RE HOME.
OK, I WILL.
GOOD NIGHT, RUI.
KOUTA!
?
RUFFLE RUFFLE
KISS KISS
PULL
SHAKE
SHAKE
BEAM
GOOD NIGHT!
???????

DRESSING UP

RUI, YOU LIKE FASHION, DON'T YOU?
MM, YEAH, IT'S FUN.
WHY?
UM ...
I WANT TO TRY ...
.....
DRESSING NICE LIKE YOU ...
quiet
YOU WANT TO GO SHOPPING??
CAN I PICK SOME CLOTHES FOR YOU??
I-IF IT'S OK.
OOOH,
I'M EXCITED,
I'M EXCITED.
I CAN TOTALLY PICTURE WHAT YOU'D WEAR.
CHANGING
HE KNEW THE CLOTHES I'D LIKE IMMEDIATELY.
REALLY?
IT'S NOT WEIRD?
CUTE SUITS YOU!!
NO, IT'S CUTE!
WHICH IS GOOD.

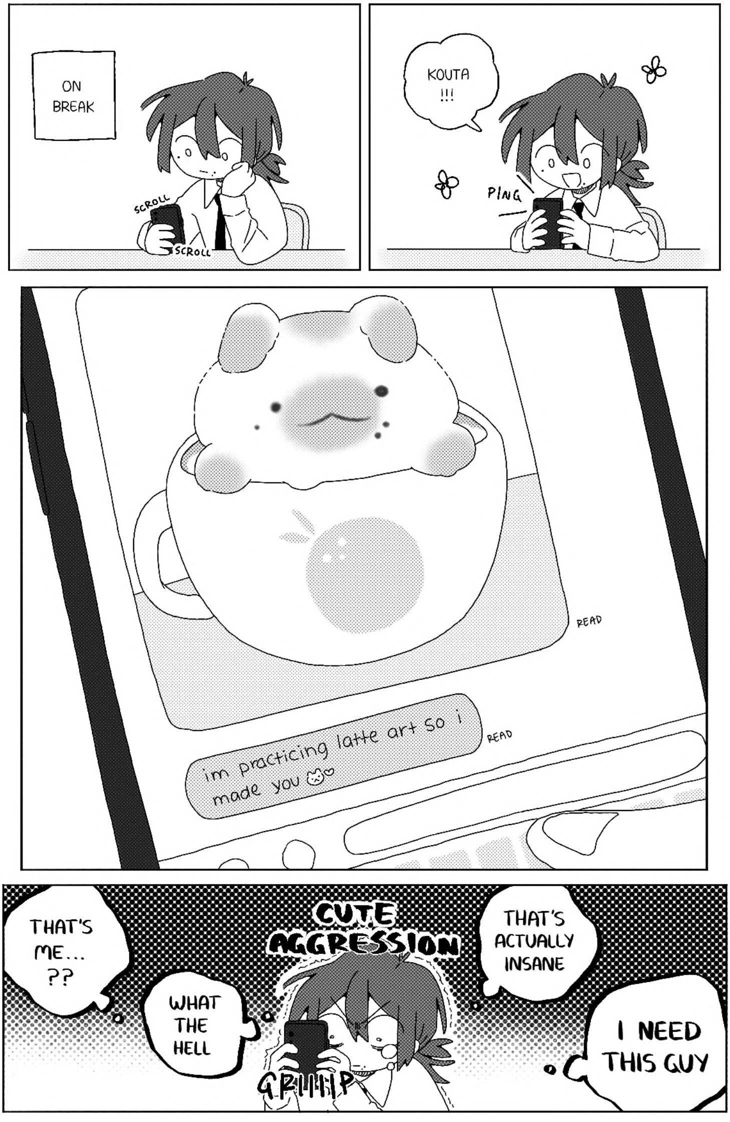
PERSONAL STYLE

EXPOSED

KOUTA~!!
JUMP
WAH!!
HEHE
DID I SCARE YOU?
YOU SURPRISED ME!
I DIDN'T HEAR YOU COMING.
...
I CAN FEEL HIS BREATH.
UM ...
AHAHA!!
SORRY, WANNA GET GOING?
TURN
... SURE.
I WANT TO FEEL THAT SPOT.

SLEEP DEPRIVED

PRACTICE



ON BREAK
SCROLL
SCROLL
KOUTA !!!
PING
READ
im practicing latte art so i made you
READ
THAT'S ME... ??
WHAT THE HELL
CUTE AGGRESSION
GRIIIIP
THAT'S ACTUALLY INSANE
I NEED THIS GUY

IMPULSE BUYS

IMPATIENT

RUI AND I ARE STILL GETTING TO KNOW EACHOTHER,
SO WE SPEND A LOT OF TIME JUST GOING OUT AND CHATTING.
WALK AT THE PARK~
HE'S REALLY COMFORTABLE TO TALK TO.
KOUTA,
PULL
LET'S GO OVER THERE.
SECLUDED
HE'S ALSO REALLY . . .
. . .
MHM.
NOD
. . . FORWARD.
ARE YOU OK?
I'M OK . . .
BLUSH...

YOU MOVE KIND OF FAST.
MY PAST RELATIONSHIPS ALWAYS MOVED FAIRLY SLOW.
I'M JUST NOT USED TO IT.
DO YOU WANT ME TO SLOW DOWN?
...
I DON'T WANT TO RUSH YOU.
YOU CAN TELL ME, KOUTA.
I'LL WAIT AS LONG AS YOU NEED.
BUT WHEN I'M WITH RUI,
THIS PACE IS ...
I FEEL A BIT IMPATIENT.
WAITS...
OK ...
...
IT'S EMBARRASSING TO ADMIT THAT, THOUGH.
IT'S ALREADY HARD TO STAY AT THIS PACE.
MORE ...
TUG

Chapter 3

KOUTA WANTED TO GO TO THE PARK TODAY, BUT . . .
I DON'T THINK THAT'S GONNA HAPPEN.
UGH...
I WANTED TO ASK HIM ABOUT SUMMER . . .
I DON'T WANT TO ASK OVER TEXT.
12:28
CALENDAR
JULY
HMM . . .
I'LL FIGURE OUT THE TIMING.
OPEN
HURRY, HURRY
BEFORE THE RAIN STARTS

DING
KOUTA,
THE WEATHER . . .
RUI.
I KNOW, IT DOESN'T LOOK GOOD.
I STILL HAVE 30 MINUTES, SO WAIT FOR ME AT THE COUNTER.
SURE.
DO YOU THINK IT'LL CLEAR UP BY THEN?
um...
I REALLY DON'T THINK SO . . .
plip
NOT TOO BAD.
plip
plip
12:35
SSSHHHHHH
. . .
12:47
FSSHHHH
. . . .
12:55

1:03
MAY 29
RAIN
2 HOURS
IT SHOWS RAIN FOR 2 HOURS.
WE CAN'T EVEN LEAVE THE CAFE.
SERIOUSLY.
WANT TO WAIT IT OUT?
I REALLY DON'T WANT TO STAY AT WORK ANY LONGER.
I GET YOU.
I WANT TO ASK HIM TODAY, SO...
MAYBE ...
MY APARTMENT IS CLOSE,
LIKE A TEN MINUTE WALK.

WANT TO WAIT OUT THE RAIN THERE?
...
I GUESS.
I WANTED TO FEED THE DUCKS . . .
I THOUGHT HE WOULD THINK I'M SUGGESTING SOMETHING.
HE ONLY CARES ABOUT DUCKS.
TOO CUTE.
SAD...
HOW ABOUT WE GET A BUNCH OF SNACKS,
AND WATCH A MOVIE OR SOME-THING?
UP
I'LL BUY WHATEVER YOU LIKE.
NEED AN UMBRELLA, TOO.
!!!
OKAY,
LET'S GO.
HAHAHA
YOU'RE EASY TO PLEASE.
I DO WANT TO TOUCH HIM, THOUGH.
REALLY BAD.
REALLY
REALLY
REALLY
REALLY

WAWSON
HURRY!!
DI—NG
YOUR SHIRT!!
ANYTHING YOU WANT, IT'S ON ME.
OH, I LIKE THIS LEMON ONE.
I LIKE THE PEACH FLAVOR.
HE REALLY LOVES SNACKS, HUH.
SMILE
SMILE
HE'S FUNNIER THAN EXPECTED.
DROOL~
GUMMY
GUMMY ...
I'LL GET CANDY, TOO.

HM~ HM~
WHA-!
THEY HAVE THESE HERE?!
GUM BALL
mocha
SO CUTE...
MMM... BUT I'M WITH RUI RIGHT NOW...
HE DOES LIKE WHEN I DRESS CUTE,
BUT THINGS LIKE THIS ARE...
FRET
FRET
YOU DONE?
JUST THESE? NOTHING ELSE?
I'M DEBATING SOME ICE CREAM...
TOO MUCH, MAYBE?
WOULD HE THINK IT'S WEIRD...
OH, UM...

I-I THINK ...
THAT'S IT ...
?
OOOH! DON'T THESE COME WITH A TOY?
GUM BALL
mocha
TH-THEY COME WITH STICKERS ...
YOU GONNA GET ONE?
MAYBE ....
UM ...
ACTUALLY,
I LIKE TO...
COLLECT ...
THIS CHARACTER.
REALLY ?!
THE ONE YOU GET IS RANDOM, RIGHT?
SO LET'S GET THREE!
YOU DON'T HAVE TO!!
I CAN BUY IT MYSELF ANOTHER TIME ...
AAAAAA THAT'S EMBARRASSING

HUH?
BUT YOU LIKE IT, AND WE'RE HERE, RIGHT?
YOU CAN OPEN THEM WHEN WE GET TO MY PLACE!
I WANNA WATCH YOU OPEN THEM!
AH-
HERE, YOU KEEP LOOKING IF YOU WANT ANYTHING ELSE.
I'M GONNA GRAB AN UMBRELLA BEFORE THEY SELL OUT.
O-
OKAY.
HE GRABBED FIVE.
GUMMY
PEACH LEM
1
2
3
4
5?

WHY DID YOU ONLY BUY ONE UMBRELLA?!
IT WAS THE LAST ONE!!
IT'S OK,
WE'RE ALMOST THERE!!
AAAAA
MY SHOES
HAHAHA
EVEN THOUGH I GOT THE UMRELLA, WE'RE SOAKED.

REALLY, AND WE EVEN RAN.
AT LEAST OUR HAIR'S DRY.
HEHE
I'LL BRING YOU A CHANGE OF CLOTHES.
UGH. WET...
CLANG
WAIT HERE A SECOND.
I'LL BRING A TOWEL, TOO.
WANT A JACKET?
SURE.
OH, THANK YOU.
...
FOR SOME REASON,
I EXPECTED IT TO BE A BIT MESSIER.
OH!
HE LIKES TO READ MANGA...?
WHAT SERIES IS THAT...?

COMPARED TO MY PLACE, IT'S REALLY ...
NOT THAT DECORATED.
...?
A DECORATION.
EBICHU
!!! ...
HE HAS A LITTLE FIGURE ...
KWEE~~NO♡
CUTE ...
HAHA!
FIDGET
IS MY PLACE SO INTERESTING?
IT'S REALLY NOT, THOUGH.
FLOP
HONESTLY, I SUCK AT DECORATING,
AND I SPEND ALL MY MONEY ON CLOTHES INSTEAD.
HAHAHA
OH...
MAYBE SOMEONE ELSE BOUGHT THAT FIGURE FOR HIM?
HERE, FOLLOW ME TO THE BATHROOM.
I LEFT CLOTHES FOR YOU BY THE SINK.
HAND ME YOUR CLOTHES WHEN YOU'RE DONE.
I'LL DRY THEM.
OKAY.

THANKS.
I WONDER IF RUI COLLECTS ANYTHING . . .
OTHER THAN CLOTHES, I GUESS.
CLAK
I REALLY DON'T THINK HE'D BE TURNED OFF BY THAT,
UGH.
IT'S STICKING...
BUT IT'S HARD TO BE SO OPEN ABOUT IT.
I REALLY LIKE HIM...
PICK
I DON'T WANT TO WEIRD HIM OUT.
. . . . . .
CURATED CHOICE

DRENCHED
MAYBE WE'RE A BIT MORE SIMILAR THAN I THOUGHT.
BOYFRIEND'S
CLOTHES
SHF
HIS . . .
CLOTHES . . .
GRIP. . .
COZY
ARE SOFT.

PEEK
RUI...?
OH, DONE CHANGING?
I GAVE YOU AN OLD HOODIE.
YEAH.
UM,
HERE'S MY CLOTHES.
A-
AHH...
I'LL DRY THESE, YOU CAN MAKE YOURSELF AT HOME.
PASS
THE SNACKS ARE BY THE COUCH.
MM.

EXCUSE ME.
GO AHEAD.
TP TP TP
SEEING HIM IN MY CLOTHES . . .
SHIT.
IS REALLY . . .
EXCITING.

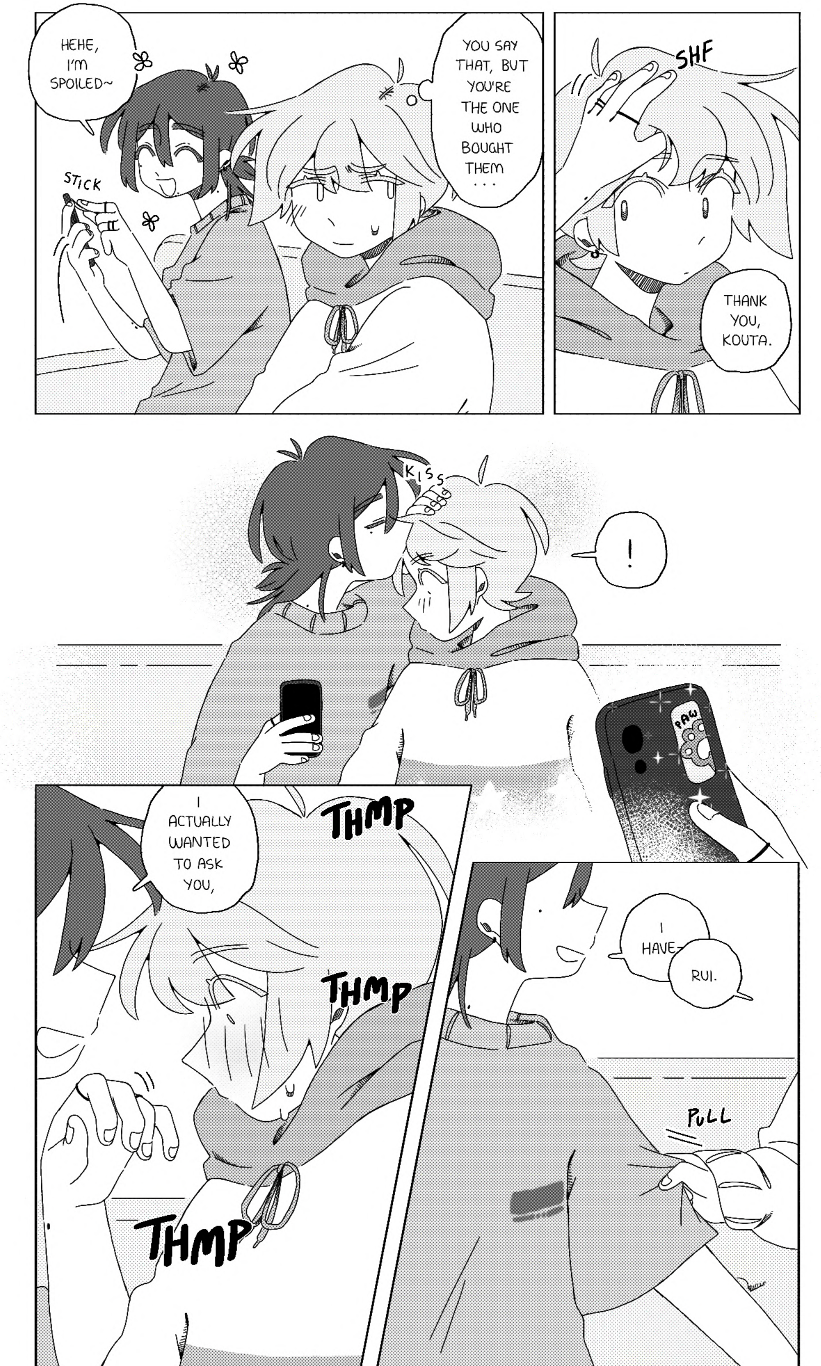
TP
TP
FWUMP
OH,
MY STICKERS . . .
HE PUT THAT MANGA AWAY . . .
I SHOULD ASK—
OOOH!!
RUSTLE
RUSTLE
YOU'RE OPENING THEM?!
I WANNA SEE!
AH—
SO FAST?!

WHICH ARE YOU HOPING FOR?
SIT
UMM ...
HE'S WATCHING SO CLOSELY.
I'D REALLY LIKE THIS ONE.
HMMM.
BUT THEY'RE ALL CUTE,
SO I DON'T REALLY MIND.
YOU REALLY LIKE CUTE STUFF, HUH?
SMILE
YOU LIKE CUTE CLOTHES, TOO.
I LIKE THAT ABOUT YOU.
...
DO...

DO YOU?
?
OF COURSE I DO,
'CAUSE IT'S YOU.
POOF
O-OH...
YOU COLLECT THIS STUFF, YOU SAID?
I DO...
A LOT OF IT.
A LOT?
SO YOU'RE ALWAYS LOOKING FOR THESE KINDS OF THINGS, YEAH?
MHM.
I NEVER SEE YOU WITH ANY OF IT, THOUGH.
ONLY YOUR PHONE CHARM.
IT'S KIND OF...
AGAIN...
EMBARRASSING, I THINK.

I GUESS 'CAUSE I'M A GUY.
IT FEELS CHILDISH . . .
BUT I'VE ALWAYS LIKED CUTE THINGS.
GRABS
BUT I LIKE CUTE THINGS, TOO.
AND COLLECT A LITTLE BIT.
. . .
. . . DO YOU?
YEAH, EBICHU.
IS EBICHU CUTE...?
BELOVED
OF COURSE SHE IS?!
WHAT THE HELL??
AND ANYWAYS, I LIKE YOU THE MOST,
AND YOU'RE CUTE.
THMP
ADORABLE, EVEN.

O-OK...
THAT'S SUPER EMBARRASSING.
HAHA!
YEAH, IT KINDA WAS.
GUM BALL
DON'T BE SHY ABOUT LIKING WHAT YOU LIKE, KOUTA.
I TOLD YOU I WANT TO KNOW YOU MORE,
SO I WANT TO DO THE THINGS YOU LIKE TO DO TOGETHER.
POKE
I REALLY LIKE SEEING THOSE PARTS OF YOU.
IT'S NOT EMBARR-ASSING.
...
THEN,
HERE.
YOU KEEP THIS ONE.
SLIDE
REALLY!!


HEHE, I'M SPOILED~
STICK
YOU SAY THAT, BUT YOU'RE THE ONE WHO BOUGHT THEM . . .
SHF
THANK YOU, KOUTA.
KISS
!
PAW
I ACTUALLY WANTED TO ASK YOU,
THMP
THMP
THMP
I HAVE-
RUI.
PULL

?
...
more.
MORE ...?
HOW MUCH MORE?
SLIDE
JUST ...
IT'S ONLY A STICKER,
A LITTLE.
TAP
BUT HE PLACED IT WITH NO HESITATION.

HE PICKED THESE CLOTHES FOR ME.
KISS
HE'S PATIENT WITH ME.
IS THIS ...
GRIP
ENOUGH FOR YOU?
IT'S NOT.
SHAKE
...
KOUTA ...
ARE YOU ACTUALLY
A LITTLE GREEDY?
I PROBABLY AM.

BUT RUI MAKES ME FEEL LIKE I COULD BE THAT WAY . . .
AND HE'D STILL LIKE ME,
TUG
HUG ME,
. . . KISS ME,
LIKE HE ALWAYS DOES.
HA
NH.
I CAN TASTE THE CANDY HE ATE,
PRESS
AND HIS HANDS ARE WARM ON MY FACE.

IT'S STILL NOT ENOUGH, BUT...
HFF
HAH
PWAH
MN.
HE'S KIND OF ... MELTING.
NN.. HN
CLENCH
HE'S NOISY.
NHH...
HFF
BLINK
HAH
I THINK ...
SHFF
HUU
SLIDE
I'M GETTING A LITTLE CARRIED AWAY ...
TOUCH
!!

OK, NOW IT'S ENOUGH!!!
AWWW NOOOO
HAHA
WIPE
SHOVE
KOUTA,
TUG
YOU'RE SO CUTE~
SWEAT
AH,
BEING CUTE IS ONE THING,
BUT THIS IS SO . . .
UM...
SWEAT
WHY THE HELL WAS I MOANING ?!!?!
JUST FROM KISSING??
YANK
I GOT WAY TOO INTO IT !!!!!
HE'S GONNA THINK I'M WEIRD UGGH
HAHA!
ARE YOU HIDING?
YOU'RE FUNNY.
. . .
SHIT, MAYBE I MISREAD THE ATMOSPHERE . . .?
EMBARRASSING . . . . .
HE'S SWEATING BUCKETS.
DID I GET TOO HANDSY . . .?
HE DID JUST SAY A LITTLE...

SOMETHING TO SAY...
I THINK I GOT TOO INTENSE.
... THE TIMING IS WEIRD NOW,
BUT ...
BUT ...
I STILL ...
KOUTA.
KOUTAAA.
...
WANT MORE.
KOUTA!
FLUSH
HUH!!
OH, I INTERRUPTED YOU EARLIER, DIDN'T I?
SORRY...
N-NO, THAT'S OK.
REALLY, YOU CAN DO THAT ANY TIME ...
WAVE
SO, UM.
IN THE SUMMER, I'M GOING TO HAVE SOME TIME OFF FROM WORK.

I WAS WONDERING IF YOU'D WANT TO GO ON A TRIP TOGETHER.
NERVOUS
JUST A SHORT ONE, FOR THE WEEKEND. I WAS THINKING OKINAWA—
YEAH!!
I WANT TO GO!!
I LOVE SUMMER!!
EXCITED
YEAH?!
ME TOO!!
THANK GOD, IT LIGHTENED THE MOOD...
I THOUGHT HE MIGHT SAY NO AFTER THAT.
LET ME GET MY PHONE,
UP
I CAN REQUEST IT—
GRABS
HUH?
TURN
SORRY I GOT CARRIED AWAY.
YOU GET ME REALLY EXCITED.
BLUSH...
MY BAD.
THMP
OH ...

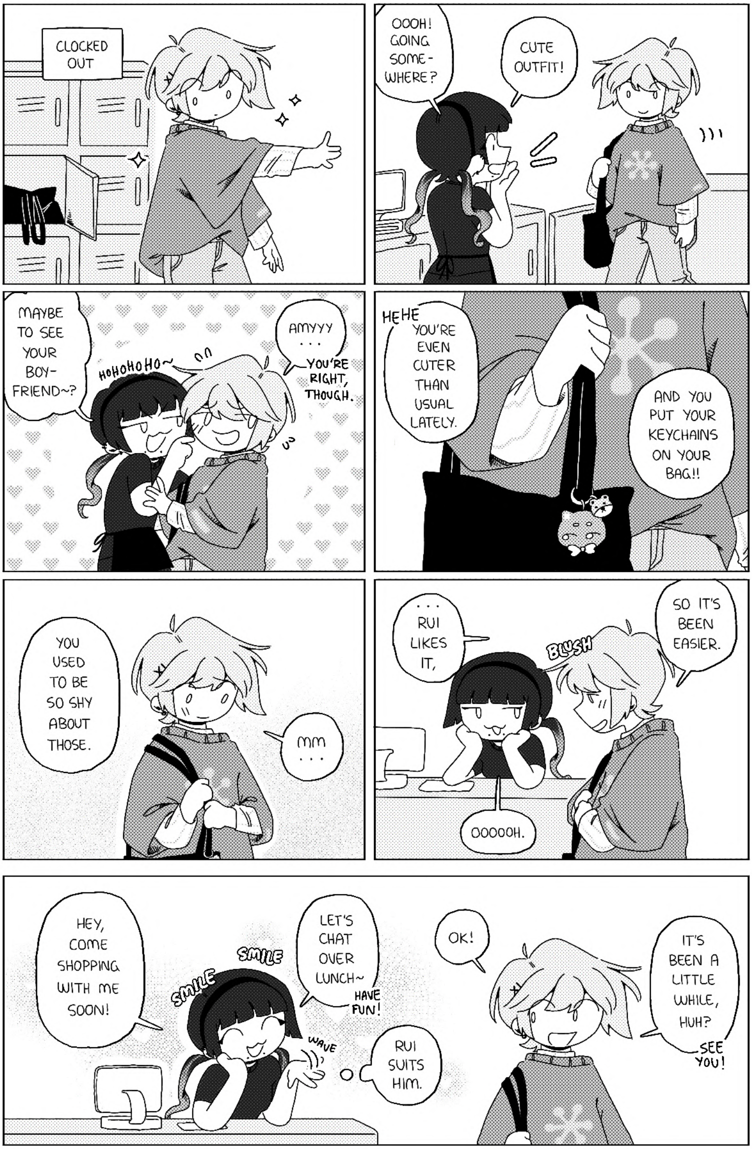
I SORT OF . . .
IT-
IT'S OK, REALLY . . .
mm.
RUB
WISH I HADN'T STOPPED HIM.

MAYBE I SHOULD BE LOCKED AWAY.
YOU'RE STILL HERE AFTER THE RAIN~
YAAYY
HEHE
CUTE...
SEED
CH3 END

A LITTLE EXPLANATION

DISTRACTION

EASIER


CLOCKED OUT
OOOH! GOING SOME-WHERE?
CUTE OUTFIT!
MAYBE TO SEE YOUR BOY-FRIEND~?
HOHOHOHO~
AMYYY . . .
YOU'RE RIGHT, THOUGH.
HEHE
YOU'RE EVEN CUTER THAN USUAL LATELY.
AND YOU PUT YOUR KEYCHAINS ON YOUR BAG!!
YOU USED TO BE SO SHY ABOUT THOSE.
MM . . .
. . . RUI LIKES IT,
BLUSH
SO IT'S BEEN EASIER.
OOOOOH.
HEY, COME SHOPPING WITH ME SOON!
SMILE
SMILE
LET'S CHAT OVER LUNCH~
HAVE FUN!
WAVE
RUI SUITS HIM.
OK!
IT'S BEEN A LITTLE WHILE, HUH?
SEE YOU!

RUI'S HOBBY

HEY, I WANNA STOP IN HERE.
THAT OK?
OH!!
Books
I FORGOT TO ASK, THE OTHER WEEK,
I SAW SOME MANGA ON YOUR TABLE.
WHAT DO YOU LIKE TO READ?
?
I LIKE ROMANCE.
HEHE...
SUITS HIM...
BUT I'LL READ ANYTHING, REALLY.
LIKE IF A FRIEND RECOMMENDS ME ONE.
I USED TO STEAL MY SISTER'S SHOUJO MANGA AS A KID.
YOU HAVE A SISTER?
YEAH, 6 YEARS OLDER.
HE'S A LITTLE BROTHER...
CUTE...
WHAT'S ONE OF YOUR FAVORITE SERIES?
I WANT TO READ ONE YOU LIKE.
HMMM...
MY FAVORITES...
THINKING!!
?
ROMANCE
OVER HERE.
...
ROMANCE
BL
THIS ONE IS REALLY GOOD.
I READ IT A LOT.
I CAN LEND YOU MY COPIES.
SUITS HIM...
OK.

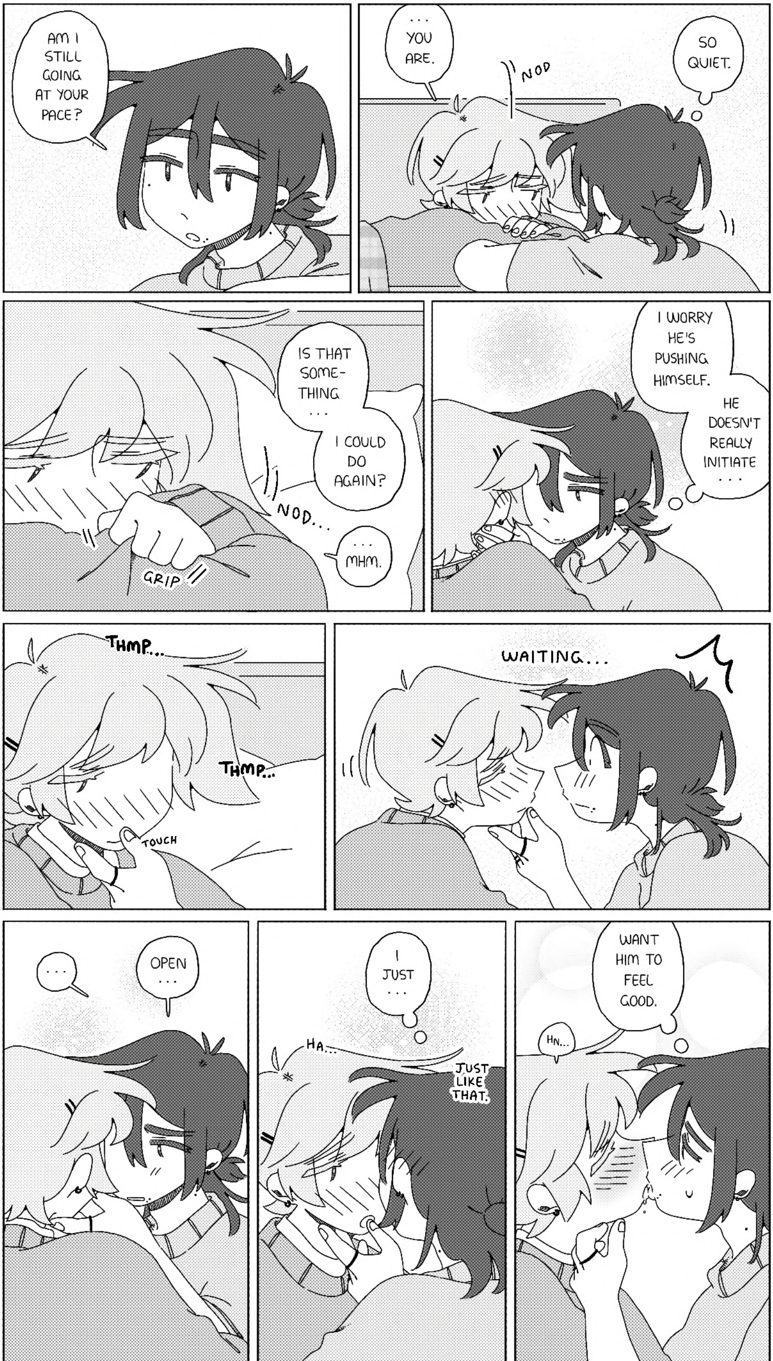
VENTING(?)

DING
KOUTA !!!!
???
JOLT
RUI, HI... ???
WHAT'S WRONG?
TODAY, AT WORK,
TURN
THERE WAS A POP-UP FOR THAT CHARACTER YOU LIKE !!!
ON MY BREAK!!
I SAW!!
OH.
WORSE THAN USUAL?
BAD SHIFT?
BUT IT ENDED YESTERDAY !!!!!
IT'S NOT WORK AT ALL ???
WAH
WAH
WHAT !!!
TELL ME NEXT TIME!!
AAH, I SAW WHEN THEY ANNOUNCED IT...
I NEVER GOT TIME OFF TO GO...
UUUUU...
I'M KEEPING AN EYE ON THIS STUFF FROM NOW ON...
I COULD'VE GONE TO SHOP FOR YOU...
THAT'S CUTE.
OH!!
SORRY !!!
WAIT FOR ME AT THE COUNTER.
ANYWAY, QUIT YELLING IN FRONT OF MY REGISTER.
TURN
SILLY...
HE'S REALLY ENERGETIC AFTER WORK LATELY.
SORRY ABOUT THAT.
WHAT CAN I GET YOU?
IT'S OK...

PLACEMENT

IT'S STARTING TO GET HOT~
FAN
FAN
IT FEELS KINDA NICE, THOUGH.
GLANCE
FAN
RUI HAS MOLES IN PLACES I CAN'T SEE.
HEY,
UP
CAN I HAVE SOME OF YOUR DRINK?
WHA-?!
ARE YOU OK?!
HEAT STROKE ???
KOUTA?!

CHECKING THE PACE


AM I STILL GOING AT YOUR PACE?
... YOU ARE.
NOD
SO QUIET.
IS THAT SOME-THING ... I COULD DO AGAIN?
NOD...
... MHM.
GRIP
I WORRY HE'S PUSHING HIMSELF.
HE DOESN'T REALLY INITIATE ...
THMP...
THMP...
TOUCH
WAITING...
...
OPEN ...
I JUST ...
HA...
JUST LIKE THAT.
WANT HIM TO FEEL GOOD.
HN...

Chapter 4

AHH, I'M SO TIRED.
UGH . . .
I PICKED UP A LOT OF SHIFTS THIS WEEK FOR OUR TRIP . . .
NEED MONEY . . .
I WANT TO SPOIL HIM.
WOBBLE
WOBBLE
AT LEAST WORK ISN'T SO AGGRA-VATING LATELY.
SWAY
WONDER WHY...
SAME SHITTY JOB.
AAAAHHGGG
SLAP
SLAP
WAKE UP!!
WAKE UP!!
110
HE SAID . . .
NUMBER 112?
109

11
KNOCK
KNOCK
YAWN
RUI!
KOUTA . . .
CLAK
HIII~
HAPPY
READY TO GO?
UMM . . . NOT YET.
COULD YOU HELP ME PICK A SHIRT?
OOH, SURE.
UM, COME IN,
I'LL BE QUICK.
I THINK HE'LL LIKE MY PLACE . . .

KOUTA'S APARTMENT . . .
THIS WAY.
HE REALLY DOES LIKE CUTE STUFF THE MOST.
SUCH A COZY COUCH . . .
!
STOP
A CAT ???
YOU HAVE A CAT ?!!?!
ACTUALLY, THAT MAKES A LOT OF SENSE!!!!
OH, THAT'S CABBAGE.
SHE'S THREE.
CABBAGE . . . . .
CABBAGE, I LOVE YOU . . .
OH MY GOD
SOB...
PICK
HAHAHA
COME ON, I DON'T WANT TO TAKE TOO LONG.
KYUUN...
HE LIKES CATS, TOO.

SO CUTE.
COMING...
AAAH...
AAHHH
I CAN'T CHOOSE BETWEEN THESE THREE...
YOU'RE GOOD AT THIS, SO...
...
...
..
HIS ROOM ...
MOCHA.
JUNE 27
ISN'T THIS WAY TOO ADORABLE?!!
IT'S EVERY-WHERE !!!!
SO CUTE?!
WHAT THE HELL!!!
I NEED HIM
SHAKE
WHICH DO YOU THINK?
mocha

AH,
UM,
SORRY, LET ME LOOK.
?
HOP
THIS IS SERIOUSLY TOO CUTE . . .
THMP
THMP
AAH, AND IT SMELLS GOOD IN HERE.
HE SLEEPS HERE...
I BET HIS PAJAMAS ARE CUTE, TOO.
SHF
. . .
HERE . . .
PROBABLY . . .
HE . . .
. . . . .
SWEATS
THIS ONE!!!
. . . DOES NOTHING !!!!!
FWIP
OH!

I WAS ALSO THINKING THIS ONE!
SHOULD I LAYER IT WITH ANYTHING?
HE PICKED THE CUTEST ONE.
UHHHH
A LIGHT LONG SLEEVE !!!
OK, I'LL CHANGE REAL QUICK.
JUST GIVE ME A MINUTE.
!!
. . .
GO . . .
GO OUT-SIDE.
AH!
RIGHT,
OK,
LIFT
COME ON,
CABBAGE!!
LET'S GO!!!
HAHA HAHA
SLAM
???

COME IN~
TO MY ROOM~
I'M CHANGING~
HAAAAH.
THMP
I'M WAY TOO TIRED FOR THIS RIGHT NOW.
NEED TO CALM DOWN.
THMP
THMP
OUR TRIP IS NEXT WEEK-END,
SO RUI WANTED TO GET SOME NEW CLOTHES.
20%
6/20 ~ 7/1

HE'S BEEN WORKING A LOT LATELY,
SO WE HAVEN'T BEEN OUT IN A WHILE.
WHICH?
OKAYYY.
USUALLY HE'D BE REALLY ENERGETIC,
THAT ONE.
BUT HE SEEMS PRETTY TIRED TODAY.
Hmmmmm~
YOU LIKE THE BEACH? I WANT TO SWIM.
SHF
I DO! I DON'T GET TO GO MUCH.
OOH, IT'LL BE FUN, THEN.
WE CAN DO WHATEVER YOU WANT THE WHOLE TRIP.
YOU LIKE THIS?
PROBABLY WITH A NECKLACE...
OOH, IT LOOKS NICE!
CLAP
CLAP
HUUUH.
I DUNNO HOW I FEEL ABOUT IT.
HE'S LOW ENERGY...

YOU'RE GOOD AT PUTTING OUTFITS TOGETHER, THOUGH.
YOU LOOK REALLY GOOD.
WOW~
KOUTA THINKS I LOOK GOOD~
OKAAAY, MAYBE IT'S GOOD . . .
WIGGLE
WIGGLE
HE PERKED UP.
HE'S FUNNY.
MORE . . .
OK . . .
IF YOU FLATTER ME SO MUCH, I'LL JUST BUY EVERYTHING.
YOU'RE GONNA GIVE ME A BIG HEAD.
HELP ME ACTUALLY CHOOSE.
BLUSH
I'M HAPPY MY BOY-FRIEND IS SO STYLISH.
. . .
HUH?
???
YOU ALREADY DO THAT, STUPID!!
I WAS BEING NICE!!!
. . . NO I DON'T.
EXPLAIN ALL THE PHOTOS YOU SEND ME WHEN YOU SHOP, THEN?!
HE'S RIGHT.
ALSO, YOU BUY THINGS FOR ME ALL THE TIME?!
YOU DON'T EVEN ASK ME.
YOU JUST HAVE A SHOPPING ADDICTION.

I'M BEING BULLIED . . .
SNIFF...
SOB...
I'M BEING MASSACRED . . . . .
TURN...
BOO!!
BOOOO!!!
WHY ARE YOU BOOING ME?!
HAHA
BOO!!
YOU GAVE UP SO FAST!!
BOOOOOOOOOO
KOUTA HAS BEEN A LOT MORE TALKATIVE RECENTLY.
HE USED TO BE KIND OF QUIET,
BUT HE'S ACTUALLY PRETTY PLAYFUL.
HEY, DID YOU SLEEP ENOUGH?
OR MAYBE YOU'RE HUNGRY?
YOU SEEM PRETTY TIRED TODAY.
FITTING
AAH, I'M JUST TIRED FROM WORK.
I'VE BEEN TAKING EXTRA SHIFTS.
OH.
I HAVEN'T HEARD HIM MENTION WORK IN A WHILE . . .
NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT...
ARE YOU FEELING OK?
?
YOU HAVEN'T VENTED TO ME ABOUT WORK LATELY.
LEMON

I HAVEN'T?
?
SHF
NO,
WE JUST TALK LIKE NORMAL EVERY TIME YOU COME TO THE CAFE RECENTLY.
??
Hmmm...
I GUESS I WOULD RATHER JUST FLIRT WITH YOU NOW.
HEHE
HEY...
I DIDN'T REALIZE I STOPPED TALKING ABOUT WORK ...
REALLY, KOUTA IS ALL I THINK OF ON THE CLOCK NOW,
SO I GUESS I'VE BEEN TUNING OUT THE ACTUAL WORK.
CLAK
WOW, I REALLY HAVE IT BAD .....
I SUPPOSE IT'S GOOD, THOUGH.
IF I'M NOT AS ANGRY ...

SHFF
I THINK I'M GONNA BUY—
WH—
WHAT'S WRONG?!
POUT
ARE YOU UPSET?!
YOUR FACE IS CUTE!!
... ARE YOU TALKING TO SOME-ONE ELSE ABOUT IT?
HUH?
IT'S SELFISH,
BUT I WANT TO KEEP BEING THE ONE TO COMFORT RUI.
CLENCH
I DON'T MIND IF YOU ARE,
BUT I STILL WANT YOU TO TALK TO ME, TOO.
IS HE ...
I JUST ...
I THOUGHT YOU WERE SORT OF RELYING ON ME.

...
INSECURE?
FITTING
LOOKS
COME HERE FOR A SECOND.
HUH?
GRIP
UH–
RUI–
UM!!
SHFF

KOUTA, I NEVER TALK TO ANYONE ELSE ABOUT WORK.
CLOSE ...
I'VE CONSIDERED TALKING TO MY COWORKERS,
SLIDE
BUT I ALWAYS ENDED UP GOING TO YOU.
O-OH ...
UM, OK ...
THMP
THMP
THMP

YOU KNOW, I USED TO ASK AMY FOR YOUR SCHEDULE.
YEAH?!
SHE MADE ME BUY HER CIGARETTES IN EXCHANGE.
AND YOU BOUGHT THEM?!
I DID ...
AMY ...
THAT SOUNDS LIKE HER ...
I STILL ONLY WANT TO GO TO YOU AFTER WORK.
YOU'VE ALWAYS MADE ME FEEL THE MOST RELAXED.
SINCE WE STARTED GOING OUT, SHIFTS HAVE BEEN EASIER FOR ME.
NOD
I JUST DON'T NEED TO VENT AS MUCH.
THAT'S ALL BECAUSE OF YOU, KOUTA.
I...
USED TO KEEP TRACK OF THE DAYS YOU'D COME IN ...
TO TRY AND FIGURE OUT YOUR SCHEDULE, TOO.
AND I'D WAIT TO TAKE MY BREAKS UNTIL YOU CAME.
FROM THE START ...
I JUST LIKED LISTENING TO YOU.
TAP
SO-I STILL WANT TO.

SO WE WERE BOTH STALKING EACHOTHER?!
HAHA
DON'T CALL IT STALKING ...
IT WASN'T THAT BAD ...
HAH
HAHAHA!
HAHA
WE'RE ACTUALLY KINDA SIMILAR, HUH?
HAHA
HAHAHAHA
... YEAH.
I THINK SO, TOO.
FIDGET
FIDGET
...
I'M GLAD YOU'RE HAVING AN EASIER TIME WITH WORK.

I WANT TO HOLD HIM.
I STILL WANNA HEAR YOU SHIT-TALK YOUR BOSS, THOUGH.
I CAN DO THAT, EASY.
... CAN I HUG YOU?
?
HAHA
YOU DON'T HAVE TO ASK ME THAT.
WE'RE ALREADY THIS SQUISHED TOGETHER.
OOF
CUTE...
WHY SO TIGHT?
HEHE
I WANT HIM CLOSER.
SORRY.
NO, I LIKE IT.
SHF

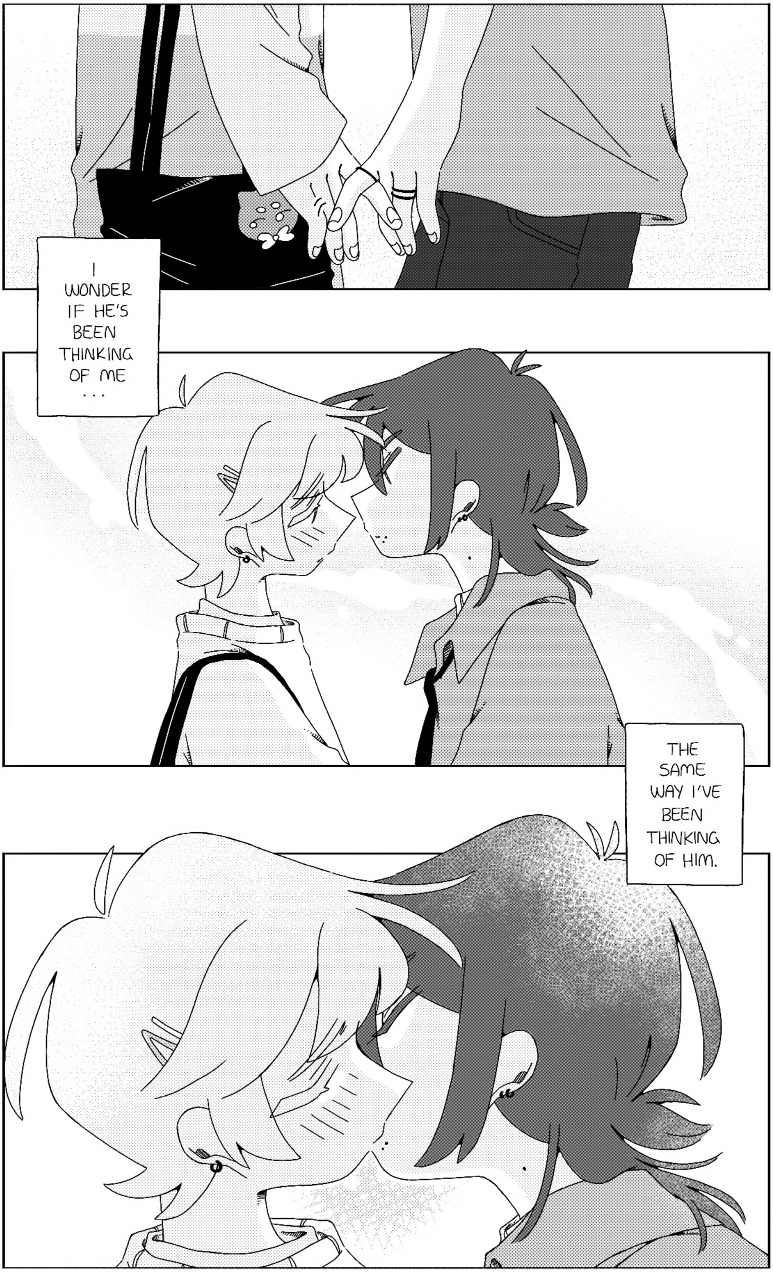
HE LIKES IT . . .
HOLDS
I DON'T WANT TO GO ANY FURTHER UNTIL HE SAYS SO . . .
SHFF
BUT IT'S GETTING DIFFICULT LATELY.
I WANT RUI . . .
PRESS
TO TOUCH ME MORE.

NH.
. . .
Cover...
SELF RESTRAINT
???
FWIP
L-LOOK,
I'LL ALWAYS COME TO YOU FIRST WHEN I NEED TO TALK, OK?
I DO RELY ON YOU.
SO DON'T WORRY.

I'M GONNA BUY THESE,
SO LET ME CHANGE BACK TO MY CLOTHES.
. . .
. . . ?
HEHE
WHAT DID I SAY?
YOU BUY EVERY-THING.
???
I'LL GO WAIT.
IN A DRESSING ROOM . . . . .
WHY IS CHANGING CLOTHES ALWAYS THE THEME LATELY . . .
SWEATS
HUFF
HUFF
GIVE ME A BREAK...
PICK
MAYBE HE'S WAITING FOR ME.

YOU WANNA GRAB SOMETHING TO EAT WHILE WE'RE OUT?
SURE. THERE'S A NEW DESSERT PLACE I WANNA TRY.
TP TP
YOU REALLY LIKE SWEETS, HUH?
I SHOULD TRY TO BE MORE FORWARD . . .

I'LL COME BY THE CAFE TO VISIT.
I'M TAKING EXTRA SHIFTS AGAIN,
SO I WON'T GET TO SEE YOU MUCH.
yawn~
OK, I'LL SEE YOU AT THE CAFE, THEN.
GET GOOD SLEEP TONIGHT.
I'M REALLY EXCITED FOR THE TRIP.
I'M EXCITED TO HAVE YOU FOR A WHOLE WEEKEND.
PINCH
FLUSH
... YEAH.
HE'S STILL A BIT SHY, BUT ...

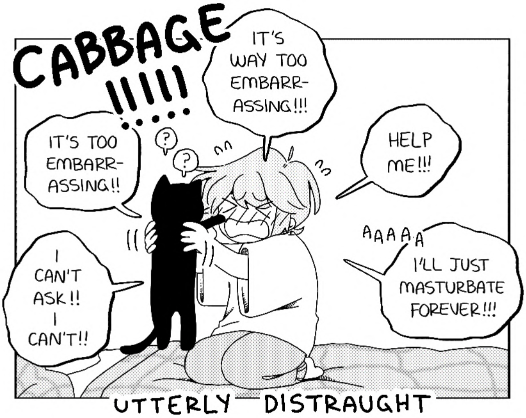

I WONDER IF HE'S BEEN THINKING OF ME . . .
THE SAME WAY I'VE BEEN THINKING OF HIM.

AGAIN
...
CLOSEN
MM.
12
NH...
HIS FINGERS FEEL GOOD
...
RUB
RUB

MAYBE I COULD ...
PRESS
INVITE HIM IN...
MAYBE ...
THMP
THMP
THMP
MAYBE, I...
I DON'T WANT TO GO HOME.
U-UM ... GET ...
GET HOME SAFE.
DON'T ... FALL ASLEEP ON THE TRAIN.
GRIP
IT'S HARD TO ASK.

NO PROMISES ON THE FALLING ASLEEP PART.
HAHAHA
?!
HEY ...!
PU—
—LL
I'LL SEE YOU SOON, KOUTA.
MHM.
MY CLOTHES~
PICK
GOOD NIGHT, RUI.
WAVE
WAVE
I'M TOO NERVOUS TO SAY IT ...

BUT HE SEEMS . . .
RUB
REALLY GENTLE.
GRIP...

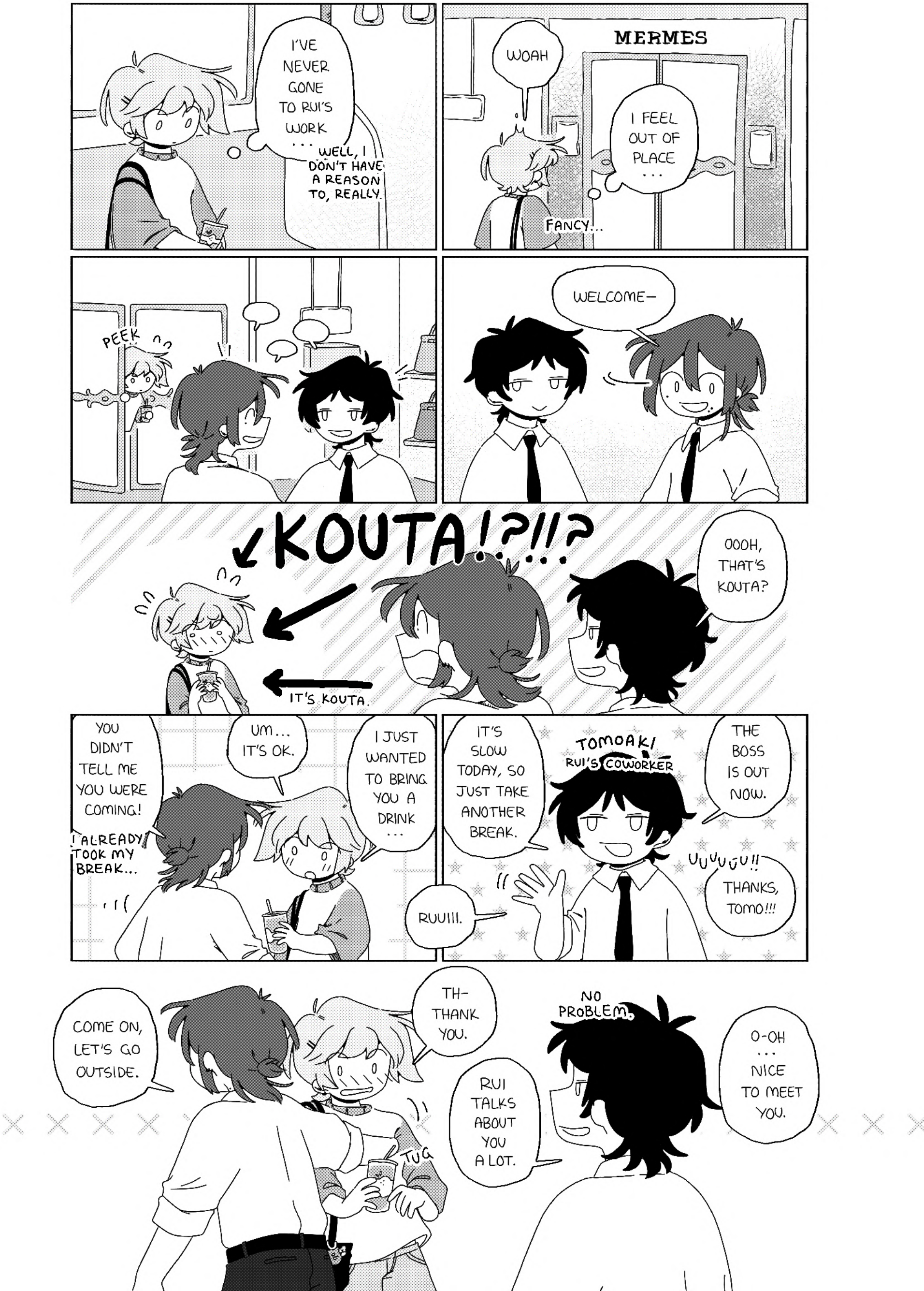

CABBAGE!!!!!
IT'S WAY TOO EMBARR-ASSING!!!
IT'S TOO EMBARR-ASSING!!
HELP ME!!!
I CAN'T ASK!! I CAN'T!!
AAAAA
I'LL JUST MASTURBATE FOREVER!!!
UTTERLY DISTRAUGHT

I THINK IT'S JUST ME.
I'M TOO HORNY, PROBABLY.
HIS WAIST FELT NICE.
REFLECTING
I'LL JUST MASTURBATE FOREVER.

CH4 END

EMERGENCY EXIT
OHH!!
KOUTA AND AMY DOUBLE FEATURE!
HAHAHAHA
HAHA
RUI!!
LOOK AT THIS LATTE KOUTA MADE,
HAHA
IT'S SO BAD!!
HAHA
HAHA
LET ME SEE~
HEY!!
HAHAHA
HAHA
HAHA
IT'S MY HARD WORK!!
HAHA
DUMBASS!!
HAHAHAHA
IT'S 'CAUSE SHE KEPT SHAKING ME WHILE I WAS TRYING TO MAKE IT...
HAHA
I WAS TESTING YOUR SKILLS DURING AN EARTHQUAKE !!!
WIPE
CRACK
YOU'RE AN IDIOT.
HAHAHA !!!!
I HAVE TO GO.
HUH?! WAI—
HUH???
IT WAS SO BAD HE HAD TO LEAVE!!!
HAHA
HAHA
HAHAHA

FIRST VISIT


I'VE NEVER GONE TO RUI'S WORK . . .
WELL, I DON'T HAVE A REASON TO, REALLY.
MERMES
WOAH
I FEEL OUT OF PLACE . . .
FANCY...
PEEK
WELCOME–
KOUTA!?!!?
IT'S KOUTA.
OOOH, THAT'S KOUTA?
YOU DIDN'T TELL ME YOU WERE COMING!
I ALREADY TOOK MY BREAK...
UM... IT'S OK.
I JUST WANTED TO BRING YOU A DRINK . . .
IT'S SLOW TODAY, SO JUST TAKE ANOTHER BREAK.
TOMOAKI RUI'S COWORKER
THE BOSS IS OUT NOW.
RUUIII.
UUUUUU!!
THANKS, TOMO!!!
COME ON, LET'S GO OUTSIDE.
TH-THANK YOU.
TUG
RUI TALKS ABOUT YOU A LOT.
NO PROBLEM.
O-OH . . . NICE TO MEET YOU.

AAAH~
I'M SO HAPPY YOU'RE HERE.
THANKS FOR THE COFFEE.
STARE
HEHE~
KOUTA CAME TO VISIT ME~
?
SOMETHING UP?
N-NO!! UM...
YOU ... I REALLY LIKE ...
HOW YOU LOOK ...
IN YOUR UNIFORM.
...WHAT IS THAT LOOK...
KYUUN
I HAVE TO GO BACK TO WORK, SO DON'T SAY THINGS LIKE THAT.
WHAT DOES THAT MEAN ?!
?!?!
HAHA I LIKE YOUR UNIFORM, TOO.
YOUR APRON HITS A GOOD SPOT ON YOUR WAIST.
Y- YOU JUST SAID ...
NOT TO SAY THINGS LIKE THAT.
R- RIGHT.
MY BAD.

SELF REFLECTING

PRICE RAISE

KOUTA . . .
KOUTAAA . . . . .
DING
AAAH!! ARE YOU OK?!
WORK WAS SO BAD TODAY, I HAD TO WORK THROUGH MY BREAK . . .
CAN I HAVE THE ICE CREAM . . .
!!
OF COURSE, I'LL MAKE IT RIGHT NOW!!!
CAN DO!!
HE'S RELYING ON ME AGAIN!!
UM, I ACTUALLY HAVE A LONG BREAK TODAY,
SO GRAB A BOOTH IN THE CORNER.
OH? OK . . .

HAAHH
I FEEL A BIT BETTER,
THANKS FOR LISTENING.
EMPTY
I'M HAPPY TO BE OF SERVICE.
HEHE.
HEY, OUR TRIP IS THIS WEEK-END,
ARE YOU EXCITED?
inch...
I NEED THE TIME OFF, HONESTLY.
touch
. . .
. . . WHAT'S THAT?
HEHE

LOOKS
HAHAHA!!
TURN
WHAT IS IT??
WHY ARE WE SNEAKING ??
KISS
... IT'S THE FEE.
FOR THE COFFEE ...
IT ... IT'S NOT FREE ANY-MORE ...
...
I CAN PAY MORE
N- NO
LET ME PAY MORE
I'M AT WORK
I HAVE TO TIP!!!
IT'S ENOUGH !!!
MY BREAK'S ABOUT TO END,
UP
SO I'M GOING BACK.
I'LL SEE YOU THIS WEEK-END.
S- SEE YOU ...
THAT WAS THE FIRST TIME HE KISSED ME.

PACKING

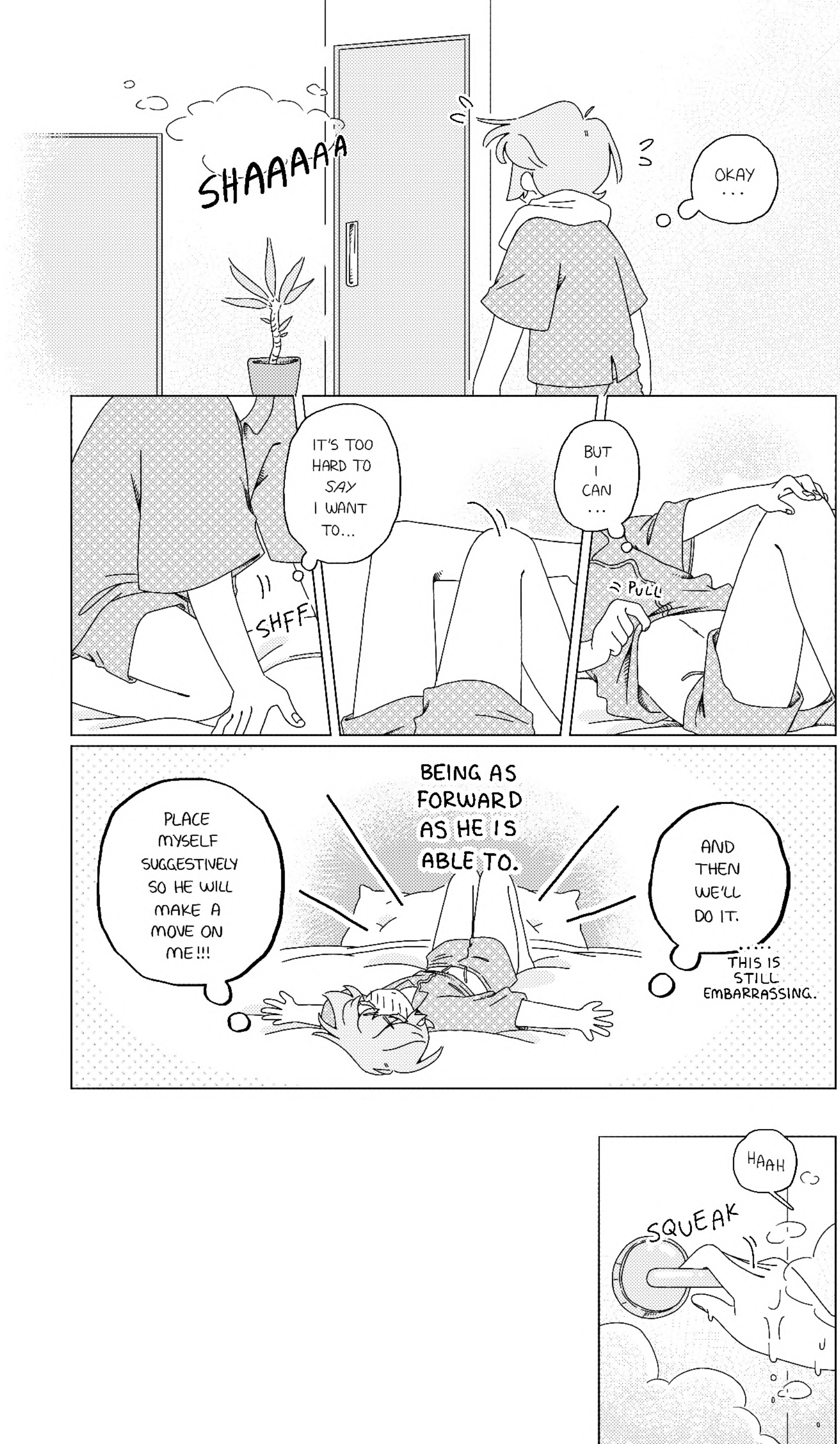
ALMOST DONE . . .
NEED A CHARGER.
. . .
OPEN
0.02 THIN
ZERO-TWO
SHOULD I PACK THESE . . .
. . . .
I DON'T WANT HIM TO SEE IT AND FEEL PRESSURED.
I GUESS I CAN BUY SOME THERE IF ANYTHING HAPPENS.
SLAM

THANKS FOR HELPING ME PACK, AMY.
NO PROBLEM~
WE PICKED SOME CUTE OUTFITS.
OH.
I DON'T HAVE ANY CONDOMS . . .
HOPEFULLY RUI PACKS SOME.
HAHA
CABBAGE HAS A GOOD BABYSITTER.
CABBAAAGE~
ZIP

CHAPTER 5

HERE'S OUR ROOM.
BEEP
CUTE.
CLAK
I HAVEN'T BEEN ON VACATION IN SO LONG!
BY THE WAY,
SORRY, BUT ...
THEY ONLY HAD ROOMS WITH ONE BED AVAILABLE.

?
. . .
UM . . .
THAT'S FINE!!!
POOF
WELL, IF IT'S TOO UNCOMFORTABLE,
I'M ALRIGHT SLEEPING ON THE CORNER CHAIR.
DON'T WORRY ABOUT ME.
N-NO,
THE BED IS FINE.

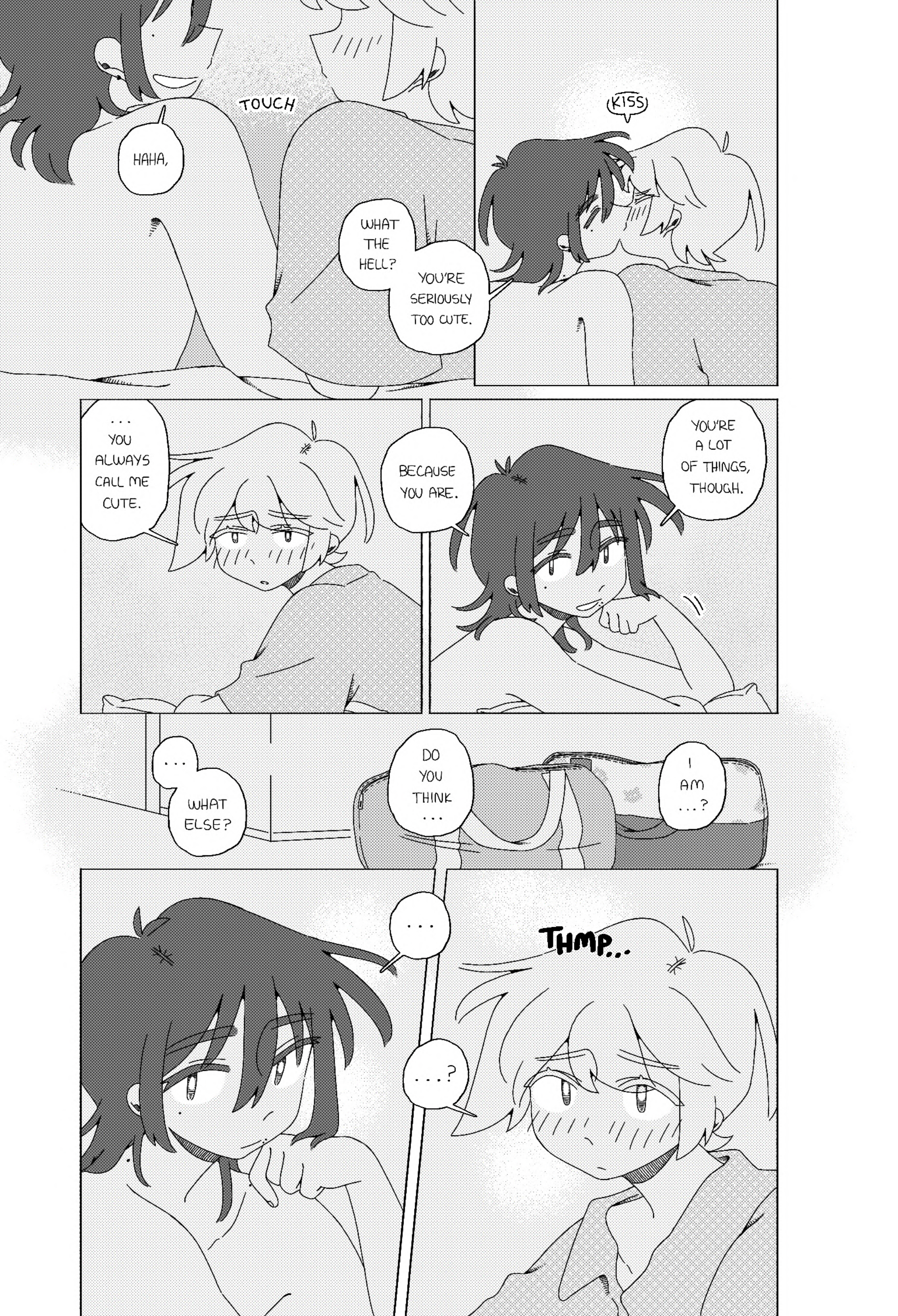

SHAAAAA
OKAY ...
IT'S TOO HARD TO *SAY* I WANT TO...
SHFF
BUT I CAN ...
PULL
PLACE MYSELF SUGGESTIVELY SO HE WILL MAKE A MOVE ON ME!!!
BEING AS FORWARD AS HE IS ABLE TO.
AND THEN WE'LL DO IT.
...... THIS IS STILL EMBARRASSING.
HAAH
SQUEAK

I'M GLAD HE'S FINE SHARING THE BED,
BUT IT'S PROBABLY BAD FOR ME.
. . . WELL, HE HASN'T SAID HE **DOESN'T** WANT TO DO IT...
HE HASN'T SAID ANYTHING, ACTUALLY.
WHRRRRRR
I DON'T WANT TO RUSH HIM.
HE'S PRETTY SHY.
I'M STILL NOT SURE WE'RE CLOSE ENOUGH TO ASK . . .
CLICK
THE SHOWER HERE IS PRETTY NICE—

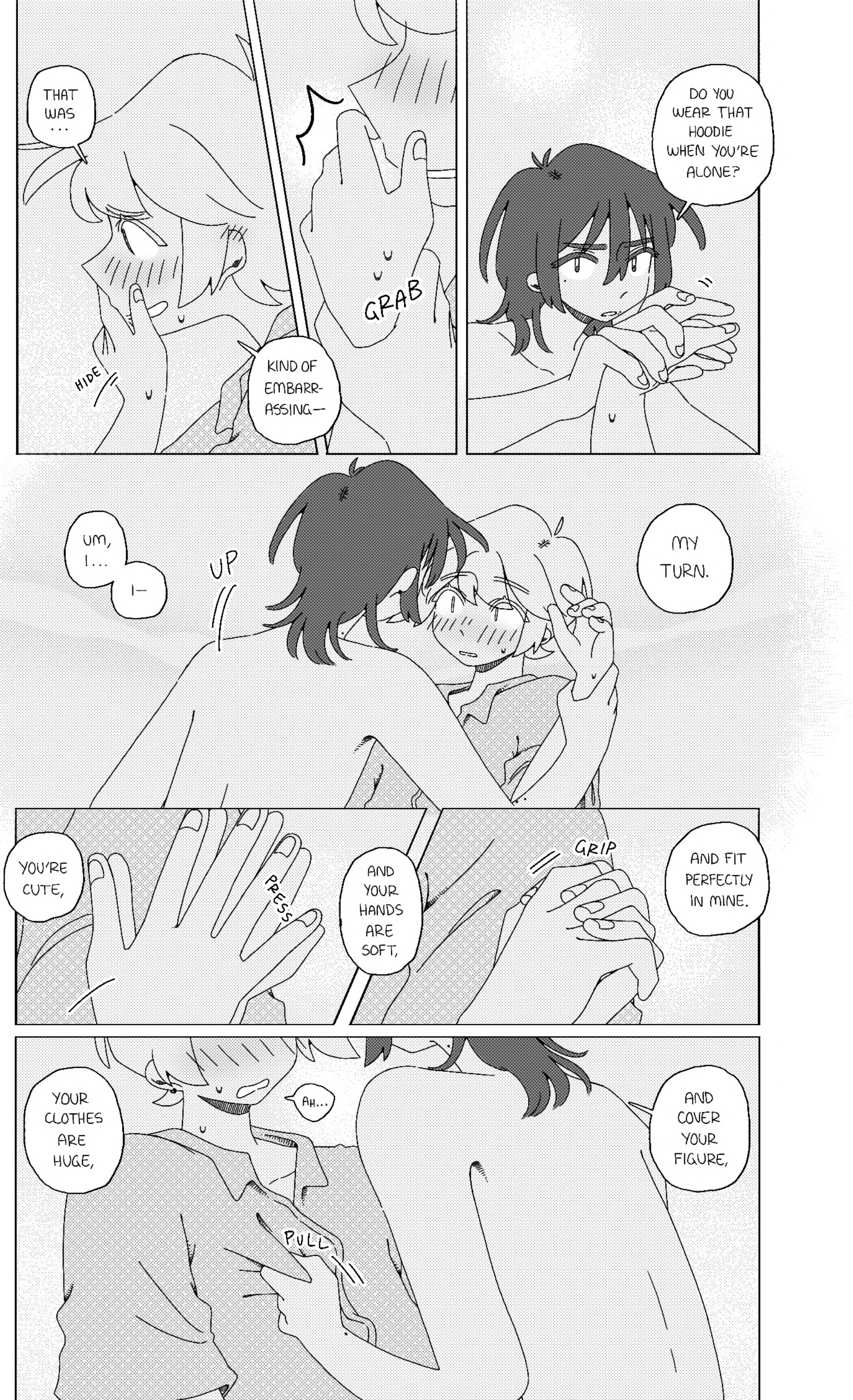
!!!!!!!!!
WHY IS HE LAYING LIKE THAT
HE ONLY SLEEPS IN UNDERWEAR
Y-
YOU TIRED?
HUH?
UM. WE BOTH HAD A MORNING SHIFT BEFORE THE FLIGHT ... SO...
FWIP
DON'T TURN AROUND LIKE THAT
OH, UM, A BIT ...
TURNS

HERE, I'LL GET THE LIGHTS,
AND WE CAN SLEEP, YEAH?
...
CLICK
... NN,
OK.
SHFF...

YOU SURE YOU'RE OK LIKE THIS?
YEAH, I'M FINE . . .
YOU LOOK SO CUTE RIGHT NOW.
KWEEN
?
ALL COZY FOR BED, I MEAN.
IT'S SO LIKE YOU TO HAVE MATCHING PJ'S.
TURN
TURN
OH . . . THANK YOU.
I REALLY LIKE SEEING YOUR HAIR DOWN.
YEAH?
MHM.
YOU LOOK PRETTY.


TOUCH
HAHA,
WHAT THE HELL?
YOU'RE SERIOUSLY TOO CUTE.
KISS
... YOU ALWAYS CALL ME CUTE.
BECAUSE YOU ARE.
YOU'RE A LOT OF THINGS, THOUGH.
... WHAT ELSE?
DO YOU THINK ...
I AM ...?
...
THMP...
...?

WHAT DO YOU THINK I AM?
HUH?!
I ASKED FIRST!!
HAHAHA
WELL, YOU JUST TOLD ME I'M PRETTY FOR THE FIRST TIME,
SO NOW I'M CURIOUS.
PLEASE?
...
!...
I THINK...
YOU'RE GENTLE...
FIDGET
AND PATIENT, SURPRIS-INGLY.
HAHA, "SURPRIS-INGLY".
I'M REALLY TRYING.
AND YOU'RE LOUD,
BUT ALSO REALLY LAID-BACK.
YOU DRESS NICELY...
OH, ALSO,
YOUR CLOTHES ARE REALLY COMFORT-ABLE ON ME.
FIDGET
FIDGET
...
WAIT, UM...


THAT WAS . . .
HIDE
KIND OF EMBARR-ASSING—
GRAB
DO YOU WEAR THAT HOODIE WHEN YOU'RE ALONE?
UM, I...
I—
UP
MY TURN.
YOU'RE CUTE,
PRESS
AND YOUR HANDS ARE SOFT,
GRIP
AND FIT PERFECTLY IN MINE.
YOUR CLOTHES ARE HUGE,
AH...
AND COVER YOUR FIGURE,
PULL

BUT THE BACK OF YOUR NECK IS ALWAYS SHOWING.
MY ...
I ALWAYS FEEL LIKE ...
JOLT
BITE
I NEED TO SEE MORE.
NH!
PRESS
KOUTA.
KISS
HAH
AH
HAAH
SLIDE...
RUI ...
KOUTA ...

I WANT TO TOUCH HIM, TOO...
HAH HA
TOUCH...
R-RUI,
WAIT,
WAIT...
FUMBLE
I...
FUMBLE
I WANT...
PUSH
SORRY—
UM.
?!
I GOT CARRIED AWAY AGAIN.
SWEAT
I DIDN'T MEAN TO PUSH ANY-THING.
N-NO,
UM...
RUI, I...
I JUST—
I'M SORRY.
I'LL LET YOU SLEEP.
TURN
RUI...
REACH
GOOD NIGHT, KOUTA.

FLUSHED
...
RUI REALLY CARES ABOUT ME...
GRIP
I WISH I WAS BETTER AT SAYING WHAT I WANT.
I WANT TO TELL HIM IT'S OK...
SCOOT...
I WANT TO BE CLOSER.
RUI MAKES ME COMFORT-ABLE...
SHF
SHF
I CAN AT LEAST SHOW HIM,
HOPE-FULLY, THAT...
THMP

I LOVE HIM.
GOOD NIGHT.
MM.

WOW, THERE'S A TON TO DO HERE.

IT'S BEEN FOREVER SINCE I LAST CAME.
ME TOO!!
CLOSE
WHAT SHOULD WE SEE FIRST?
HE SEEMS NORMAL . . .
I HOPE I DIDN'T MAKE HIM UNCOMFORT-ABLE LAST NIGHT...
I SHOULDN'T HAVE DONE THAT.
WORRY
I DIDN'T ASK...
WORRY
HE ENDED UP SPOONING ME ALL NIGHT, THOUGH,
SO MAYBE IT'S OK ...?
I THOUGHT I WAS GONNA EXPLODE.
ALL HE DID WAS CALL ME PRETTY, AM I REALLY SO HORNY—
RUI!!
ICE
ICE
... YES?
Soft C
THEY HAVE SHARK ICE CREAM ...!!!
A SHARK. (?)

... YOU WANT ONE?
YES, PLEASE!!
?
TURN
RUI!!
THEY HAVE LEMON SORBET!!
COMPLETELY
ABSORBED
???
HE'S LOUD...?
I WANT STRAW-BERRY.
YOU SHOULD GET THE LEMON SO I CAN HAVE SOME, TOO.
? ?
?
TUG
TUG
ALRIGHT, I'LL GET LEMON.
MAYBE I'M OVER-THINKING A BIT.
I WANT TO SEE JELLY-FISH!!
I JUST WANT TO HAVE FUN TOGETHER.
OOH!
SAME, SAME!!

OCE
WHAT THE HELL IS THIS THING??
EW
HAHAHA
IT'S ME
STOP!! YOU'RE DISGUSTING!!!
RUI!!!
SMOOOOOCH
HAHA
HAHAHA
DEEP SEA
KOUTA !!!
THEY HAVE DOLPHINS OVER THERE!!
LOOK, LOOK!!
I'M LOOKING!!
NO WAY!!!
HAHA
HEHE
WOOOW ...
WOAH ...

I THINK YOU'RE THAT ONE.
OOH, I LOVE SUNFISH!
I THINK YOU'RE THAT ONE.
WOAH!! REALLY?
'CAUSE IT'S SILLY.
SILLY??
WHERE NOW?
THERE'S SO MANY THINGS I THINK YOU ARE . . .
THE JELLY-FISH!
BUT MORE THAN ANY-THING,
I THINK YOU'RE SUCH A BRIGHT PERSON,
AND I'M SO HAPPY YOU CHOSE TO SHOW ME.
I WANT YOU TO KEEP SHOWING YOURSELF TO ME.

GIFT SHOP
WANT A SOUVENIR?
YEAH!
PICK ONE, MY TREAT.
HM~
HM~
HM~
I WANT THESE, PLEASE~
"A" SOUVENIR!! ONE!! SINGULAR!!
CAN YOU COUNT!?
HMM ...
HEHEHE
I WANT SOME-THING MATCHING!
HOW ABOUT PHONE CHARMS?
OOH, I'VE NEVER HAD ONE. SURE!
CHARM
LET'S SEE ...
HE'S SO ENERGETIC TODAY.
TOO CUTE.

THEY HAVE A SUN-FISH,
BUT NOT THE SHARK THAT LOOKS LIKE YOU.
AW, BOO.
WHAT ELSE LOOKS LIKE ME?
STAAARE...
?
...
PFT-
YOU'RE THINKING SO HARD!
IT'S IMPORT-ANT!!!
HAHA
IT IS, IT IS.
I THINK THIS ONE LOOKS LIKE YOU.
A JELLY-FISH? I THOUGHT YOU'D PICK ANOTHER SHARK.
WHY A JELLY-FISH?
I-LIKE IT, THOUGH.

... 'CAUSE THEY'RE MY FAVORITE.
UM...
ALSO,
IT SORT OF LOOKS LIKE YOUR HAIR...
AAAGGHH, YOU'RE BAD FOR MY HEART!!!!!
GET OFF ME!!
HAHA!
HEY, I'LL GO CHECK OUT,
WOULD YOU MIND GRABBING US SOME DRINKS?
HEHE
OK, SURE.
I SAW A VENDING MACHINE OUTSIDE.
I'LL WAIT FOR YOU.
SOMETHING MATCHING ...

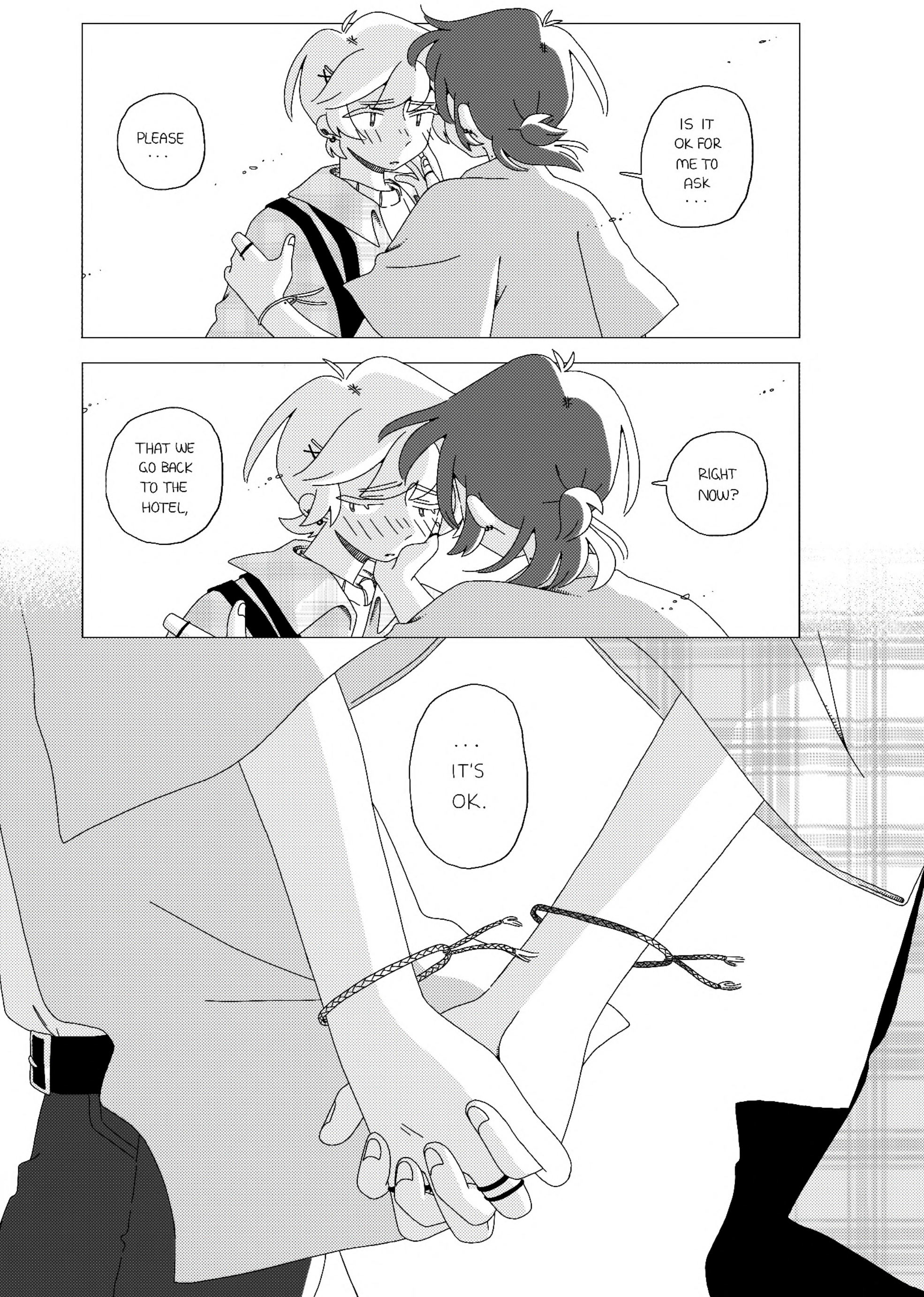
THE BREEZE FEELS GOOOOD!!
IT DOES!!
YOU HAD A GOOD TIME TODAY?
I DID!!
KOUTA, GIVE ME YOUR HAND?
HM?
I WANTED TO PICK SOMETHING MATCHING, TOO.
HEHE
SURPRISE~

THANK YOU...
YOU KNOW, YOU WERE WAY LOUDER THAN USUAL TODAY.
Y-YEAH?!
AHAHA...
LIKE, SUPER LOUD.
IT WAS CUTE.
I'M SO HAPPY TO SEE YOU OPEN UP MORE.
... I CAN'T GET ENOUGH OF YOU,
I LOVE EVERY SIDE YOU SHOW ME.
HONESTLY.

. . . I FEEL SO COMFORT-ABLE WITH YOU.
FIDGET
THE THINGS I THINK ARE EMBARR-ASSING ABOUT MYSELF,
YOU DO THEM WITH ME, AND YOU TELL ME I'M CUTE FOR IT.
I'VE ALWAYS BEEN RESERVED ABOUT MY HOBBIES,
AND IT'S HARD FOR ME TO SAY WHAT I WANT SOMETIMES . . .
BUT IT'S HARDER TO HOLD BACK AROUND YOU,
AND I'M HAVING TOO MUCH FUN TO, ANYWAY.

I'M REALLY HAVING SO MUCH FUN.
I HAVE SO MUCH FUN WITH YOU, RUI.

KOUTA.
I LIKE YOU.
I LIKE YOU SO MUCH.


IS IT OK FOR ME TO ASK . . .
PLEASE . . .
RIGHT NOW?
THAT WE GO BACK TO THE HOTEL,
. . . IT'S OK.

NH
mm
HAH
002
THIN
NN...
HA ...
RUI,
LET ME CATCH MY BREATH ...
AH!
NH...
KISS
HAH HA
KOUTA,
I'VE WANTED THIS SO BADLY.
HAH...
CAN I TAKE IT ALL OFF?
M-
MHM ...

. . . YOU CAN DO WHATEVER YOU LIKE.
I'VE WANTED THIS, TOO.
RUB
. . . KOUTA, IF YOU SAY THAT,
TOUCH
I WON'T WANT TO STOP TONIGHT.
THMP
I DON'T WANT TO, EITHER.
SO . . . TOUCH ME . . .
HAH
HA...
NH! HFF
AH
SHLK
SHLK

IT FEELS GOOD HERE?
MM!!
NOD
PET
KOUTA,
HAH
SLIP
EVEN LIKE THIS, YOU'RE SO CUTE.
AH!
YOUR BACK IS SLENDER,
NN AH
HAH
YOUR NECK IS SOFT . . .
I LOVE HOW YOU SOUND.
HAAH
SWAY
AH . . . AH!
SHLK
SHLK
YOU'RE SEXY.
TEASE
UNH NH
AAH . . .
CLOSE . . .
I DON'T WANT THE FIRST TIME TO BE HIS FINGERS . . .

W- WAIT,
I DON'T WANT TO COME YET.
TURN
O- OH...?
GRIP
TUG
TAKE THESE OFF.
PLEASE ...
... ALRIGHT.
RIP
CLK
HAH
...
RUI ...
HA HAAH...
I FEEL HOT.
HURRY ...
PULL
YOU'RE IMPATIENT.
CUTE.

LET ME KNOW IF IT HURTS.
MM ...
KISS
AH... AH
PRESS
R-RUI...
AAH! HAH
PUSH
RUI, RUI
AH...!
ARE YOU OK??
HFF...
SHIVER
CLENCH
HAH
IT'S IN, IT'S IN...
AH HA
... YOU'RE NOISIER THAN I EXPECTED.
BECAUSE ...
NH
EROTIC ...
IT FEELS GOOD, I LIKE IT...
RUI ...
I LOVE YOU, RUI
THMP
KOUTA-
MOVE, RUI, PLEASE ...
...
HA
HAH
I WANT YOU

AH!
AH!
RUI!
HA
NH!
TALKING TO ME IN A WAY I NEVER IMAGINED HE WOULD . . .
OH...!
HAH
THRUST
THRUST
THE WAY YOU GET SHY REALLY MELTS AWAY DURING SEX, HUH?
NH
HAAH!
AH
YOU'RE SO HONEST.
AH!
I TOLD YOU ....!
HAH!
NH...
PRESS
UHN...
I HEARD. YOU LIKE IT, RIGHT?
I LIKE YOU--
NH!
MN
NNH...
I NEED TO HEAR MORE.
HFF, HFF...
THRUST

COME HERE.
UFF... AH
LIFT
HAH...
HAAH!
NH...! OH!
PLUNGE
I LOVE YOU TOO, KOUTA.
AH AH
I LOVE YOU SO MUCH.
RUI...
mm!
ROCK
NN...
ROCK
I LOVE YOU.
HA
HAH
TELL ME WHERE IT'S GOOD.
HAH
HAAH
LET ME MAKE YOU FEEL GOOD, KOUTA.
HA...
RUI...
RUI...
HAH
HOLD

KOUTA ...
RUB
HAH
HAAH
HAH
AGAIN.
PULL
MM ...
MORE ...

KOUTA
......
I'M SO
SORRY
...
HM...?
RUB
CH5 END

ON THE WAY BACK

ARRIVING HOME

AFTERWORD

WAKE UP, SLEEPY~
TAP
IT'S ALREADY ELEVEN.
MMN.
HEY!!
TURN
THERE'S NO WORK TODAY.
I'M TOO COZY.
FLOP
GET UP!!
I MADE COFFEE!!
SHAKE
SHAKE
NNN...
I MADE IT WITH CARAMEL TODAY.
IT'S REALLY GOOD.
PEEK
HMM ...
IT DOES SMELL GOOD.

I'LL HAVE IT IN 5 MINUTES.
COVER
NO!!!
IT'S GONNA GET COLD!!
UP!!!
EYAAAAH!!!
OK, OK!!
WAH!!
YANK
SUNDAY
DECEMBER 8
HAHAHA
GOOD MORNING.
MORNING~
TWIRL

YOU HAVE CRAZY BED HEAD, HAHA.
!
AND I WONDER WHY?!
PULL
HEHE...
COME HERE!!
DID YOU FORGET LAST NIGHT?
LIFT
HAHA!
YOU LITTLE FREAK.
WAAAAH!!
PBBTHTH
STOP THAT!!
HAHAHA
IT TICKLES!!
HEHE
I LOVE YOU, KOUTA.
HEHE
I LOVE YOU, TOO.

NOW DRINK YOUR COFFEE !!!
THANK YOU~
TASTY...
PASS
DO YOU WORK TOMMORROW?
ARE YOU GOING HOME TONIGHT?
UP
...
I WORK, YEAH.
MOCHA
LIFT
BUT IF IT'S OK, I WANNA STAY HERE AGAIN.
I'LL GO TO WORK FROM HERE.
THEN, WANT TO DO HOT POT TONIGHT?
IT'S SUPER COLD TODAY.
OOH, OK!!
I WANT BEER, TOO.
GET READY AND LET'S GO TO THE STORE.
OKAAAY~

SHOULD WE GET BEER OR SAKE?
SAKE...
BEER...
I'M NOT PICKY.
WHICHEVER YOU LIKE.
I WANT LOTS OF MEAT TODAY ...
400
DON'T STEP ON THE CRACKS.
STEP
OH.
I STEPPED ON ONE!
YOU SUCK AT THIS!!
I WASN'T READY.
HEHE
WAIT,
THERE'S A NEW RELEASE.
Books
WANNA GO IN?
YEAH.
STOPS
NE

I MISSED BREAKFAST . . .
IT'S ALREADY LUNCH...
CAN I TAKE SOME FRUIT?
YOU'RE NOT A MORNING PERSON AT ALL.
GO AHEAD.
CLAK
THIS BAND I LIKE IS PLAYING SOON, WANNA GO?
YEAH!!
TUG
I'LL GET THE TICKETS.
I'M GONNA ASK AMY, TOO.
HAVE YOU EVER THOUGHT OF PAINTING YOUR NAILS?

NOT REALLY.
SHOULD I?
I THINK IT MIGHT LOOK COOL.
YEAH?
MHM.
I LIKE YOUR HANDS.
HOLDS
WHAT DO YOU LIKE ABOUT THEM?
...
BLUSH...
I LIKE ...
HOW THEY FEEL.
HMM.
GRIP
IF I PAINT MY NAILS,
NN...
TOUCH

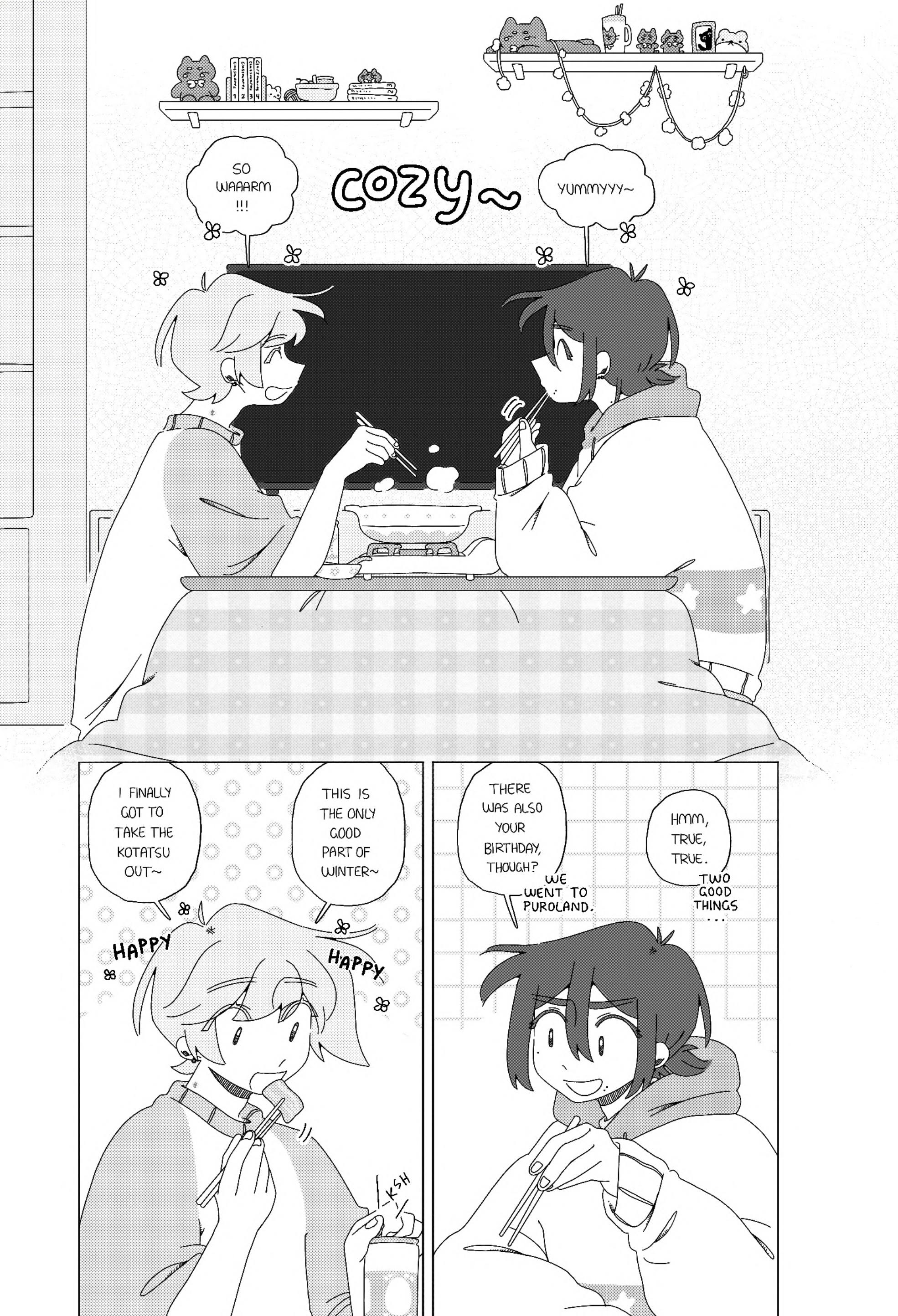
IT WOULD LOOK NICE AGAINST YOUR SKIN.
HU HUU
HAA...
RUB
RUB
DO YOU WANT TO TURN AROUND?
NOD NOD
AH UNH...
NH... MM
HFF...
HAAH
HAH AH...

HAH...
AH NH
SLP
SLP
HA
BACK THEN,
NNH
HA
DOES IT FEEL GOOD?
NOD
MHM ...
I WAS RIGHT.
SLIDE
GOOD.
AAH... OH
KISS
HAH
NN... RUI
RUI IS SO GENTLE WITH ME ...
PRESS
SLP
SLP

KOUTA,
HAH...
ONE OF MY FAVORITE THINGS TO LEARN ABOUT YOU
NH!
HA
HAS BEEN YOUR BODY.
SLP
AAH... AH
TREMBLE
RUI
HAH
YOU'RE SO CUTE.
RUI LIKES THE PARTS OF ME I'M EMBARRASSED ABOUT,
MORE ...
RUI, MORE ...
I'M CLOSE ...
OH
TREMBLE
AH, AH
MHM.
PULL
SO I WANT TO BE GREEDY WITH HIM.
YES... AH
ANY-THING FOR YOU.
CLENCH
HUU
SLP
SLP
SLP
SLP
AAH...!

NNNH...!!
HAAH!
RUI...
SHIVER
SHIVER
SLUMP
YOU'RE MAKING A MESS, KOUTA.
CUTE.
DRIP
HAAH
HA HAH
HAAH...
I COULD HOLD KOUTA EVERY DAY,
COME...
RUI,
YOU COME, TOO.
GRIND
GRIND
RUB
AND IT STILL WOULDN'T FEEL LIKE ENOUGH.

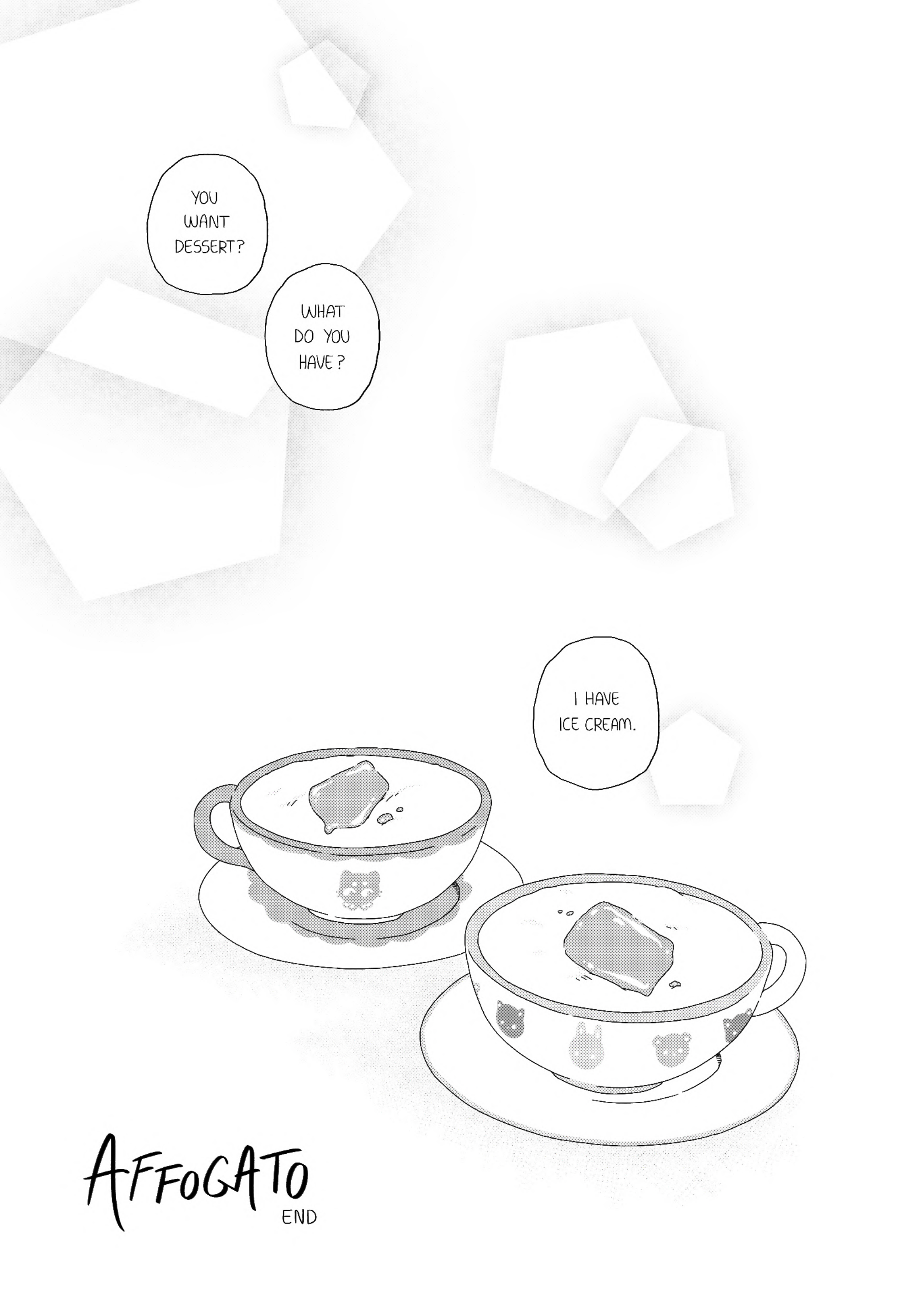
RUI . . .
HAH...
HAH
GRIND
GRIND
SOME-TIMES, I THINK . . .
I LIKE YOU . . .
HA
HAH
HAH
YOU'VE GOTTEN REALLY BOLD.
OR WERE YOU ALWAYS LIKE THIS?
HAAH
HAH
HA
YOU . . .
MAKE ME LIKE THIS.
HFF... HFF
NNH...
HAH
KOUTA . . .
HAAH
HUU HU
IT WOULDN'T BE ENOUGH FOR HIM, EITHER.
UP


SO WAAARM !!!
COZY~
YUMMYYY~
I FINALLY GOT TO TAKE THE KOTATSU OUT~
THIS IS THE ONLY GOOD PART OF WINTER~
HAPPY
HAPPY
KSH
THERE WAS ALSO YOUR BIRTHDAY, THOUGH?
WE WENT TO PUROLAND.
HMM, TRUE, TRUE.
TWO GOOD THINGS...

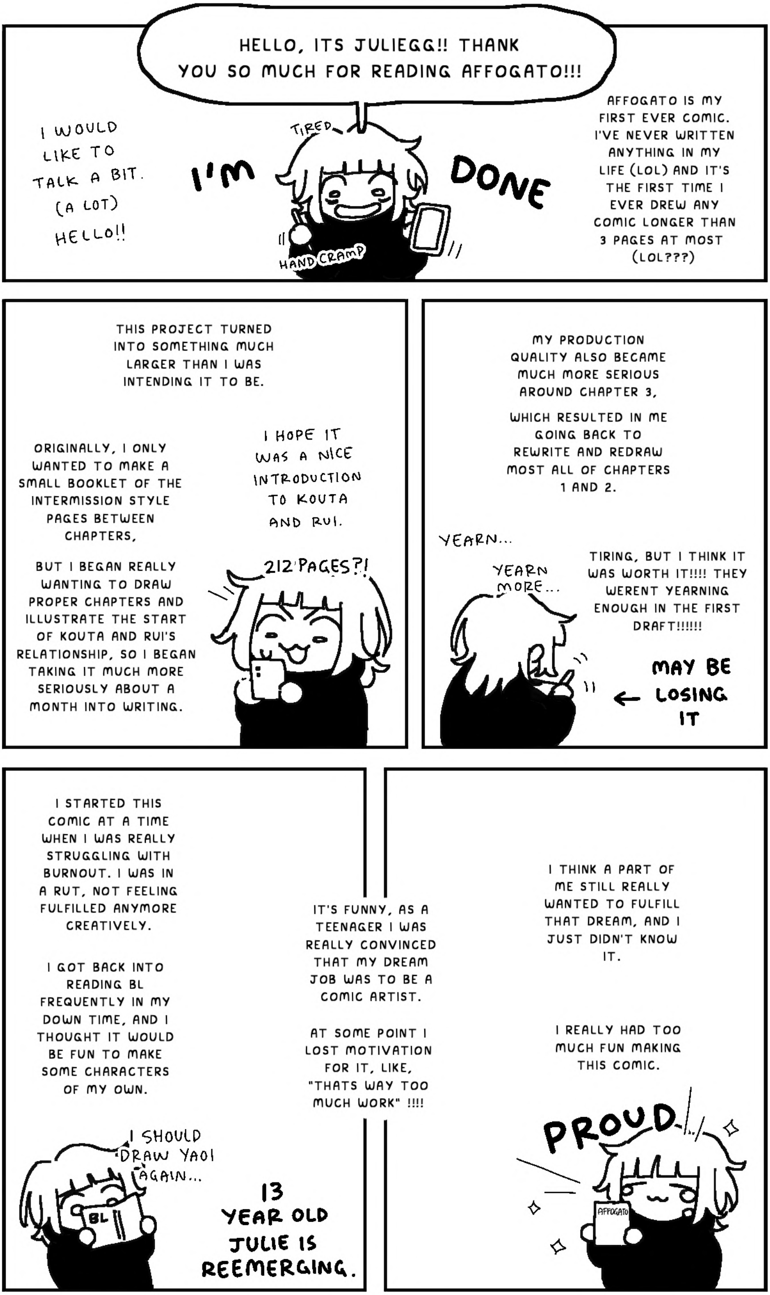
. . . HEY,
HOW LONG HAS IT BEEN?
MY BIRTH-DAY?
IT WAS JUST A COUPLE DAYS AGO.
NO, SINCE WE STARTED DATING.
THE YEAR IS ALMOST OVER.
OOOH.
YOU GAVE ME MY SCARF.
I KNOW THAT, SILLY.
UMM...
ALMOST...
8 MONTHS?
LONG TIME, HUH.
MM.

I'M HAPPY.
I'M HAPPY, TOO.
HOLDS
I'M FALLING FOR KOUTA DEEPER THAN I EVER EXPECTED.
I'M SO ENAMORED WITH THE KOUTA I'VE GOTTEN TO KNOW,
AND EVERY DAY I SPEND WITH HIM MAKES IT HARDER TO GO HOME.
WHAT SHOULD WE DO FOR ONE YEAR?
ANOTHER TRIP?
OH, I WANNA GO TO AN ONSEN!
OOH, GOOD IDEA.
Z Z Z

warm
warm
I'M SO COZYYY~
ONE YEAR . . .
YOU LOOK LIKE CABBAGE RIGHT NOW.
WHERE IS CABBAGE . . .
OH, SHE'S HERE.
MAYBE AFTER ONE YEAR,
DOES SHE LOOK LIKE MY DAUGHTER?
THIS CAN BE HOME.
HEHE,
THE SPITTING IMAGE.


YOU WANT DESSERT?
WHAT DO YOU HAVE?
I HAVE ICE CREAM.
AFFOGATO
END

THANK YOU!
-juliegg


HELLO, ITS JULIEGG!! THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR READING AFFOGATO!!!
I WOULD LIKE TO TALK A BIT. (A LOT) HELLO!!
TIRED
I'M DONE
HAND CRAMP
AFFOGATO IS MY FIRST EVER COMIC. I'VE NEVER WRITTEN ANYTHING IN MY LIFE (LOL) AND IT'S THE FIRST TIME I EVER DREW ANY COMIC LONGER THAN 3 PAGES AT MOST (LOL???)
THIS PROJECT TURNED INTO SOMETHING MUCH LARGER THAN I WAS INTENDING IT TO BE.
ORIGINALLY, I ONLY WANTED TO MAKE A SMALL BOOKLET OF THE INTERMISSION STYLE PAGES BETWEEN CHAPTERS,
BUT I BEGAN REALLY WANTING TO DRAW PROPER CHAPTERS AND ILLUSTRATE THE START OF KOUTA AND RUI'S RELATIONSHIP, SO I BEGAN TAKING IT MUCH MORE SERIOUSLY ABOUT A MONTH INTO WRITING.
I HOPE IT WAS A NICE INTRODUCTION TO KOUTA AND RUI.
212 PAGES?!
MY PRODUCTION QUALITY ALSO BECAME MUCH MORE SERIOUS AROUND CHAPTER 3,
WHICH RESULTED IN ME GOING BACK TO REWRITE AND REDRAW MOST ALL OF CHAPTERS 1 AND 2.
YEARN...
YEARN MORE...
TIRING, BUT I THINK IT WAS WORTH IT!!!! THEY WERENT YEARNING ENOUGH IN THE FIRST DRAFT!!!!!!
MAY BE LOSING IT
I STARTED THIS COMIC AT A TIME WHEN I WAS REALLY STRUGGLING WITH BURNOUT. I WAS IN A RUT, NOT FEELING FULFILLED ANYMORE CREATIVELY.
I GOT BACK INTO READING BL FREQUENTLY IN MY DOWN TIME, AND I THOUGHT IT WOULD BE FUN TO MAKE SOME CHARACTERS OF MY OWN.
I SHOULD DRAW YAOI AGAIN...
BL
13 YEAR OLD JULIE IS REEMERGING.
IT'S FUNNY, AS A TEENAGER I WAS REALLY CONVINCED THAT MY DREAM JOB WAS TO BE A COMIC ARTIST.
AT SOME POINT I LOST MOTIVATION FOR IT, LIKE, "THATS WAY TOO MUCH WORK" !!!!
I THINK A PART OF ME STILL REALLY WANTED TO FULFILL THAT DREAM, AND I JUST DIDN'T KNOW IT.
I REALLY HAD TOO MUCH FUN MAKING THIS COMIC.
PROUD
AFFOGATO

MY FAVORITE THING TO DRAW AND READ IS FLUFF... I ABSOLUTELY LOVE SEEING THOSE SOFT MOMENTS BETWEEN LOVERS.
I ALWAYS GO BACK TO READING FLUFF AS A REFRESHER AFTER MORE COMPLEX AND DEEP STORIES. IT'S A HUGE COMFORT FOR ME!
CERTIFIED LEG KICKER
KICK
KICK
THEY KISSED...
HEHE
HEHE
I HOPE READING AFFOGATO GAVE YOU THAT COZY FEELING, AND HELPED YOU RELAX FOR JUST A BIT. THAT WAS MY ULTIMATE GOAL WITH THIS BOOK.
KOUTA AND RUI BECAME SO IMPORTANT TO ME DURING THIS ENTIRE PROCESS.
THEY ARE THE FIRST CHARACTERS I'VE EVER MADE ANY SORT OF WORK FOR BEYOND ILLUSTRATIVE PIECES. THEY REALLY DON'T ESCAPE MY MIND AT THIS POINT.
CREATED MARCH 2024
CREATED APRIL 2024
I HAVE A FOLDER OF FANARTS I RECEIVED AS WELL AS SWEET COMMENTS AND MESSAGES. I HAVE CRIED TO IT.
THE SUPPORT I'VE RECEIVED ONLINE FOR THEM AND THIS COMIC HAS HONESTLY FLOORED ME.
YOUR KIND WORDS HAVE GIVEN ME ENDLESS ENCOURAGEMENT AND DRIVE, AND I'M SO IMMENSELY GRATEFUL.
I REALLY CAN'T BEGIN TO EXPLAIN HOW HAPPY IT MAKES ME THAT PEOPLE LIKE RUI AND KOUTA.
SNIFF
SNIFF
BEFORE THE BOOK IS EVEN OUT...!!
I WOULD LOVE TO KEEP CREATING STORIES FOR THEM AND SHOWING THEIR RELATIONSHIP, SO HERE'S TO MAKING IT HAPPEN!!!
MORE RUIKOUTA KISSING!!!
ALSO, FOR MY PERSONAL TASTE, THEY DIDN'T HAVE SEX ENOUGH IN THIS BOOK. BUT THATS KOUTA'S FAULT FOR BEING TOO SHY!!!
SO I NEED TO MAKE MORE BOOKS SO RUI CAN KEEP PLEASING KOUTA.

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